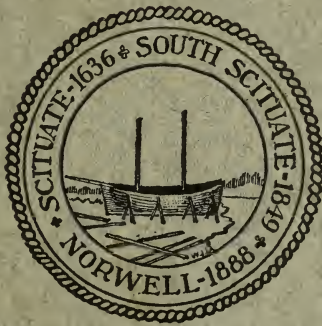




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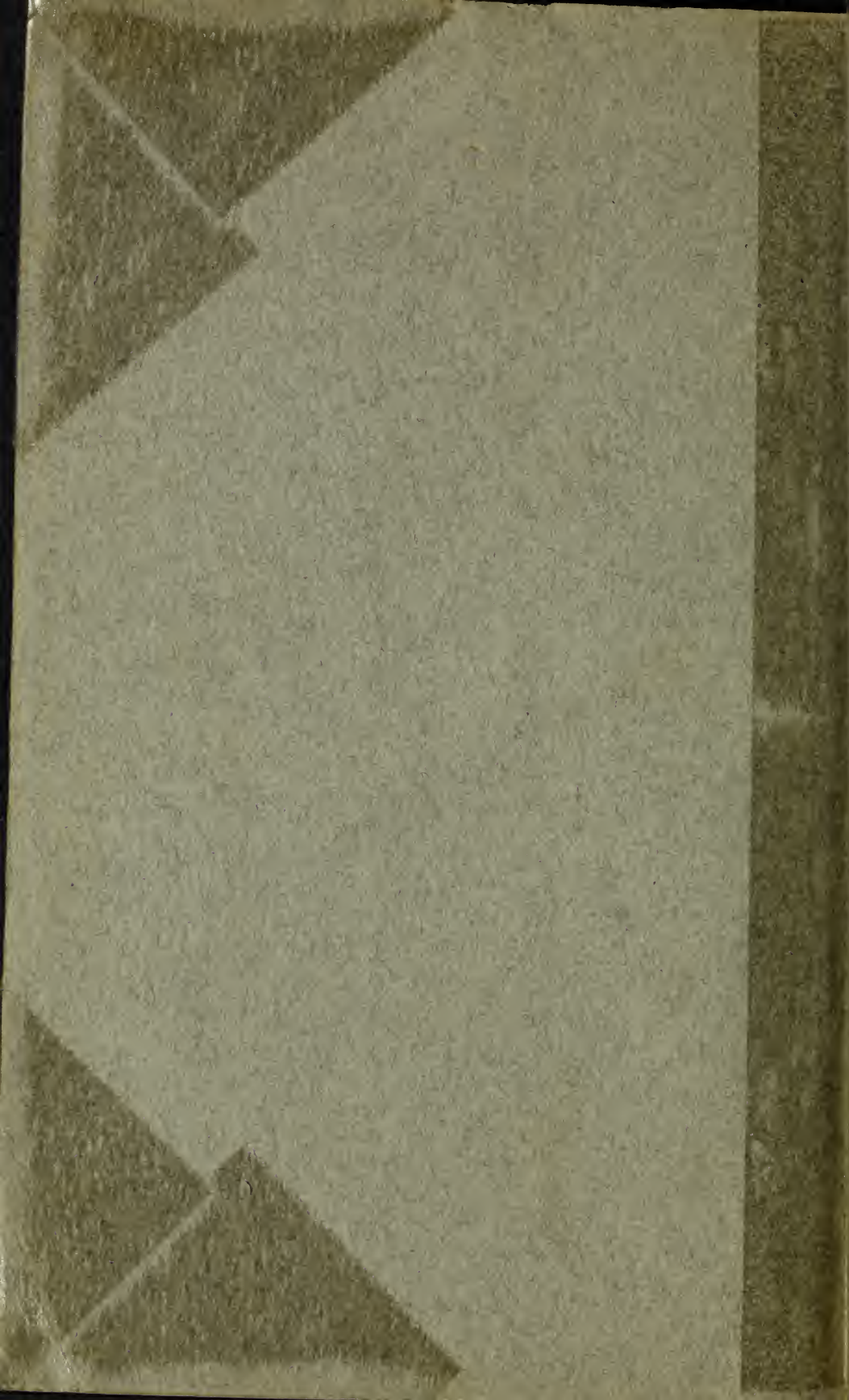
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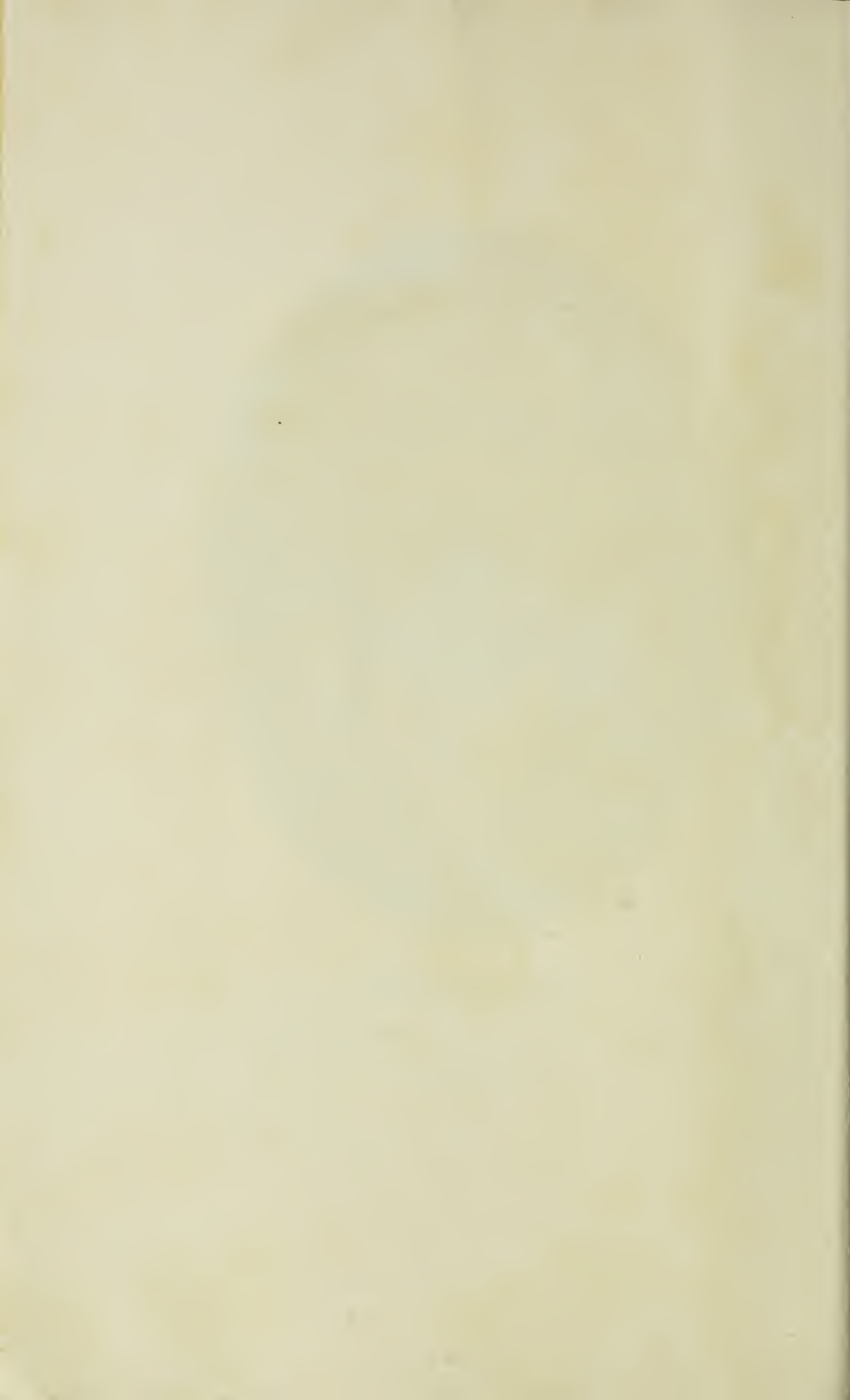


John Whalen

Born December 11, 1864—Died December 16, 1927

MODERATOR

1911—1927



Report of Selectmen

We present herewith the seventy-eighth annual report of the officers of the town of Norwell, together with the report of a state audit, made in accordance with section 40 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Three changes were made by the Legislature during the session of 1927, in the laws, which affect our work.

Chapter 65, approved March 25, provides that hereafter the Overseers of the Poor shall be known as The Board of Public Welfare.

Chapter 203, approved April 5, changes the name Alms-house to Infirmary.

Chapter 212, approved April 6, provides that the town forest shall be in charge of a special town forest committee, appointed by the selectmen, one member each year for a term of three years to serve without pay.

The completion of the purchase of the number 2 school house was delayed by the desire of the town counsel to make sure that there were no other heirs, that might make a claim later, besides the two that finally signed the deed. The building is now occupied by the Legion.

The bounds of the town landing at Chittenden have been determined but permanent markers have not yet been placed.



Town Officers

Selectmen, Assessors and Board of Public Welfare

EDWARD M. SEXTON WILLIAM J. LEONARD
CLIFTON S. DEANE

Town Clerk

JOSEPH F. MERRITT

Treasurer

HERBERT E. ROBBINS

Tax Collector

WILLIAM H. SPENCER

Surveyor of Highways

PERRY H. OSBORN

School Committee

BENJAMIN LORING MRS. GRACE B. DINSMORE
MRS. NELLIE L. SPARRELL

Auditor

G. FRANCIS KNOWLTON

Board of Health

JOSEPH F. MERRITT MINOT WILLIAMSON
HORACE D. GAUDETTE

*Ridge Hill Library**Trustees*

ALFRED H. PROUTY WM. J. LEONARD
WM. O. PROUTY

Tree Warden

FRED M. CURTIS

Constables

J. WARREN FOSTER JOHN T. OSBORN
BERT I RICHARDSON JOHN H. SPARRELL
LESTER D. WEST

Field Drivers

THE CONSTABLES

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Cemetery Committee

W. WALLACE FARRAR ARTHUR T. STODDARD
WILFRED C. BOWKER

Scaler of Weights and Measures

I. AUSTIN LINCOLN

Registrars of Voters

JOSEPH F. MERRITT WILLIAM O. PROUTY
EDWARD B. HASKINS HARRY G. PINSON

Warden of Almshouse

EDWARD F. HARRIS

Forest Fire Warden

JOHN T. OSBORN

Gypsy Moth Agent

FRED M. CURTIS

Burial Agent

JOSEPH F. MERRITT

Inspector of Animals

J. WARREN FOSTER

Inspector of Slaughtered Animals

AMOS H. TILDEN

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Bark

BERT RICHARDSON

W. D. TURNER

ARTHUR T. STODDARD

BENJAMIN LORING

PERRY H. OSBORN

Keeper of Lockup

EDWARD F. HARRIS

Town Weigher

EDWARD F. HARRIS

Advisory Board

GEORGE H. WILDER

JAMES H. BARNARD

E. LINCOLN WOOD

CHARLES W. THOMAS

JOHN H. GUTTERSON

ALBERT L. SYLVESTER

HENRY C. FORD

FREDERICK C. HASKINS

ALAN C. VIRTUE

Board of Engineers

JOHN T. OSBORN	GEORGE R. FARRAR
FREDERICK C. HASKINS	GENTRY CLARK
FRED H. HALL	ALONZO B. WHITING
J. LYMAN WADSWORTH	CHARLES W. THOMAS
THEODORE M. DYER	

Town Forest Committee

FRED B. COCHRAN	CLIFTON S. DEANE
FRED M. CURTIS	

Report of Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7—14, 1927

Pursuant to a warrant under the hands of the Selectmen, duly executed and return thereof made by John T. Osborn, a Constable of Norwell, the qualified voters of the town, met at the Town Hall, Monday, March 7, 1927 at 7 p. m. and took the following action on the articles in the warrant:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

John Whalen was chosen Moderator, by ballot; he was sworn by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Attention was called to several places where the report seemed to be misleading by the Selectmen, and it was voted to accept the reports of the town officers.

Article 3. To make necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient for the following purposes:

Support of Poor, Almshouse, Support of Schools, Highways, Sign Boards, Removing Snow, Tractor & Plow, Notes, Interest, State and County Taxes, Town Officers, Incidentals, School and District Nurse, Transportation of

Nurse, County Hospital, State Aid, Board of Health, Electric Lights, Tree Warden, Spraying Elms, Mowing Bushes, Squares and Triangles, Gypsy Moth, Fire Department, and equipment, James Library, Ridge Hill Library, Soldiers' Relief, School Physician, Memorial Day, Sealing Weights and Measures, Inspection of Animals, Washington Street Cemetery, Town Hall, Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture, Legion Rental, Playground, Bonus Refund, Reserve Fund, Town Forest.

Voted to appropriate the following amounts:

Support of Poor	\$ 2 000 00
Almshouse	2 500 00
Schools	27 820 00
Highways, Joint Account, State and Town	
Article 4	4 700 00
Highways, General Purposes	5 000 00
Sign Boards	25 00
Snow Removal	2 500 00
Tractor and Plow (Article 19) not to exceed	3 000 00
Notes	3 500 00
Interest	3 250 00
State and County Taxes	7 500 00
Town Officers	3 300 00
Incidentals	1 500 00
School and District Nurse	1 300 00
Transportation of Nurse	350 00
County Hospital, Maintenance	590 00
State Aid	600 00
Board of Health	500 00
Electric Lights	550 00
Tree Warden	75 00
Spraying Elms	200 00
Mowing Bushes	500 00
Squares and Triangles	200 00

Gypsy Moth	810 99
Fire Department	1 000 00
Fire Department Equipment	1 600 00
James Library	200 00
Ridge Hill Library	50 00
Soldiers' Relief	250 00
School Physician	100 00
Memorial Day	250 00
Sealing Weights and Measures	100 00
Inspection of Animals	60 00
Washington Street Cemetery	75 00
Town Hall	200 00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	125 00
Legion Rental	75 00
Grading Playground	132 00
Bonus Refund Grading Playground (Article 18)	868 14
Reserve Fund	500 00
Town Forest	250 00
Furniture and Pump for Central School	
Article 14	549 15

Voted to raise by taxation the amount necessary to carry out the appropriations not otherwise provided for and to assess the polls and estates of residents and the estates of non-resident proprietors.

Article 4. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven hundred dollars to be expended on highways under the provisions of Section 26 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended?

(Approved by Advisory Board.)

Voted to raise and appropriate \$4700.00 to be expended on highways under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws as amended.

Article 5. Will the town appropriate \$1000.00 to reshape and tarvia Cedar Street from Summer Street to the Scituate Line?

(Request of Mr. Percy Litchfield.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Voted to pass over.

Article 6. Will the town vote to instruct the Selectmen to establish the bounds of the town landings on North River?

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to establish the bounds of the town landings.

Article 7. Will the town appropriate \$1500.00 to purchase or acquire by eminent domain for a public park, land near the town landing at Chittenden, now owned by Mr. Van Voorhis?

Voted to pass over this article.

Article 8. Will the town vote to accept as a town way, Mill Lane, as at present bounded?

(Request of Henry McHugh.)

Voted to pass over.

Article 9. Will the town vote to rescind its vote of last year to sell the District No. 2 School House by auction?

Voted that the action taken at the last annual meeting instructing the Selectmen to sell District No. 2 School House by auction be rescinded.

Article 10. Will the town vote to give the use of District No. 2 School House to the local Post of the American Legion for their headquarters?

Voted to pass over.

Article 11. Will the town vote to instruct the Selectmen to take up the subject of rate reduction on electricity for the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell?

(Request of Mr. Louis Ogden.)

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to take up the matter of reduced rates on electricity for the inhabitants of Norwell.

Article 12. Will the town act with the town of Hanover to maintain electric lights at the junction of River Street, Norwell and Broadway, Hanover, at Assinippi and at North Hanover?

Voted to continue to act jointly with Hanover in maintaining lights at the junction of River Street, Norwell and Broadway, Hanover, at Assinippi and at North Hanover.

Article 13. Will the town vote to install an electric light on Main Street, near Sparrell's Garage?

(Request of Mr. John H. Sparrell.)

Voted that an electric light be installed at the brow of the hill near the old Turner House location.

Article 14. Will the town vote to appropriate the unexpended balance of last years' school appropriation, \$549.15 for the purchase of furniture for the new Central School?

(Request of the School Committee.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Voted that the unexpended balance of \$549.15 be appropriated for furniture and pump for Central School.

Article 15. Will the town vote to appropriate \$850.00 as the first of three annual payments for a pumping engine and truck.

(Request of Fire Department.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Voted to pass over.

Article 16. Will the town vote to appropriate \$1000.00 for the purchase of 2 1-2 inch hose for pumper?

(Request of Fire Department.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Voted to pass over.

Article 17. To make allowance to town creditors.

Voted that all claims be referred to the selectmen.

Article 18. Will the town re-appropriate the bonus refund received from the State, for the improvement and grading of a play ground for the Central School, under the direction of the School Committee?

(Request of School Committee.)

\$868 14 was appropriated under Article 3, for grading playground at Central School under the direction of the School Committee..

Article 19. Will the town vote to purchase a tractor for snow removal and appropriate money for that purpose?

\$3000.00 was appropriated under Article 3 for the purchase of a tractor.

Article 20. Will the town choose a director for the Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture?

Mr. Louis H. Ogden was chosen the Norwell director.

Article 21. What action, if any, will the town take in connection with the legacy set forth in the will of Leaffie B. Curtis Miller for the erection of a new High School Building in Norwell.

Voted that the Town of Norwell now having a suitable High School building does not accept the legacy under the will of Leaffie B. Curtis Miller and it was further voted that the inhabitants of the town of Norwell in town meeting assembled wish to place upon record their deep appreciation of the generous gift from Leaffie B. Curtis Miller and her interest in the school children of the Town and her provision for their educational advancement. The scholarship provided for by her will be a perpetual monument to her memory and a constant incentive for earnest endeavor and better scholarship.

Article 22. Will the town give any instructions to town officers?

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed that as soon as conditions justify doing so, that the free use of District No. 2 School House be given the Local Post of the American Legion.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to proceed forthwith to acquire title to the District No. 2 School House Lot at a cost not to exceed three hundred dollars.

Voted that the sum paid for rental this year be paid in the same manner as in the past.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to confer with the County Commissioners in regard to establishing lines on Bridge and Main streets.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to forthwith dismantle the stone crusher. Sell the iron on the best possible terms and clean up the rubbish.

Article 23. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1928, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1928?

Voted that the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1928, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928.

Article 24. What salary and compensation will the town vote to pay all its elected officers. To conform with Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

The following salaries were voted:

Selectmen, per day	\$ 5 00
Assessors, per day	5 00
Overseers of Poor, per day	5 00

Board of Health, per day	4 50
Highway Surveyor, per day	4 50
Tree Warden, per day	4 50
Town Clerk	135 00
Treasurer	300 00
Collector of Taxes	300 00
Auditor	50 00
Secretary of School Committee	100 00
Other Members of School Committee	25 00
Moderator	10 00

Fish right No. 1, was purchased by Charles L. Tilden for \$2.00

Fish right No. 2, was purchased by Mrs. Natale Molla for \$2.50.

Subsequent meeting for the election of officers in Town Hall on Monday, March 14, 1927. The following article was taken up and acted on:

Article 25. To bring in their votes for a Town Clerk for one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, and one Overseer of the Poor for three years; a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables and a Tree Warden for one year; one member of the School Committee for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one Trustee for the Ridge Hill Library for three years.

Pursuant to the above, the qualified voters met at the Town Hall, March 14, 1927 at 6. A. M. John Whalen acted as presiding election officers. The officers on duty were: William J. Leonard, Clifton S. Deane, Amos H. Tilden, Carlton O. Litchfield and Alice C. Merritt. Polls closed at eleven A. M. The number of names checked agreed

with ballots cast, sixty one. On being canvassed and counted in open meeting they were found to be for the following persons:

TOWN CLERK (For One Year)

Joseph F. Merritt	57
Blanks	4

SELECTMAN (For Three Years)

Edward M. Sexton	60
Blanks	1

ASSESSOR (For Three Years)

Edwards M. Sexton	59
Blanks	2

OVERSEER OF POOR, (For Three Years)

Edward M. Sexton	60
Blanks	1

TREASURER (For One Year)

Herbert E. Robbins	58
Blanks	3

COLLECTOR OF TAXES (For One Year)

William H. Spencer	56
Blanks	5

AUDITOR (For One Year)

G. Francis Knowlton	55
Blanks	6

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR (For One Year)

Perry H. Osborn	60
Blanks	1

CONSTABLES (For One Year)

J. Warren Foster	50
John T. Osborn	57
Bert I. Richardson	50
John H. Sparrell	47
Lester D. West	52
Perry H. Osborn	3
Blanks	46

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (For Three Years)

Grace B. V. Dinsmore	47
John Gutterson	1
Blanks	13

BOARD OF HEALTH (For Three Years)

Minot Williamson	56
Blanks	5

TREE WARDEN (For One Year)

Fred M. Curtis	50
Blanks	11

TRUSTEE RIDGE HILL LIBRARY (For Three Years)

William J. Leonard	52
Blanks	9

The Town Clerk was sworn by the Moderator in open meeting.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest: JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk

DOGS LICENSED

Whole number licensed for year ending, Dec. 1, 1927	201
162 Males at \$2.00	\$ 324 00

38 Females at \$5.00	190 00
1 Breeder's License	25 00
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	\$539 00
Less Clerk's Fees, 201 licenses at 20 cents	40 20
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Paid County Treasurer	\$498 80

SPORTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

94 Residents Sporting Licenses at \$2.25	\$211 50
7 Resident Trapping Licenses at \$2.25	15 75
11 Minor Trapping Licenses at 75c	8 25
1 Duplicate License at 50c	50
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	\$236 75
Clerk's Fee, 112 Licenses at 25 cents	28 00
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Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	\$208 75

ENROLLED MILITIA

Men enrolled for Military Duty June 4, 1927	208
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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING
THE YEAR 1927

January 15. Married in Saugus, Everett Franklin Os-
borne and Marion Gertrude Cann, both of Norwell by Rev.
Marcus H. Carroll.

April 30. Married in Duxbury, Emery Grant Dobson
of Norwell and Viola Ripley Bates of Duxbury by Rev.
Lewis J. Thomas.

June 29. Married in Norwell, Jesse Burton Winslow
and Mildred Gladys Robinson, both of Norwell by Rev.
Frederick H. Kidder.

July 4. Married in Norwell, Henry Francis Leslie and
Hilda MacDougall, both of Norwell by Rev. Alfred J.
Wilson.

July 16. Married in Norwell, Ralph Robert Brown of
Benson, Vt., and Dorothy Flint Jones of Pembroke, by
Rev. Alfred J. Wilson.

September 10. Married in Norwell, Floyd Henry Os-
borne of Norwell and Evelyn Ruth Marston of Newton, by
Rev. James E. Coons.

September 14. Married in Quincy, Wilbur Albert Wad-
dell of Norwell and Deborah Drew of Wollaston by Rev.
Eric I. Lindh.

October 9. Married in Cohasset, Hector Joseph Pelli-
tier and Helen Louise Hatch, both of Norwell, by Rev.
Cornelius F. O'Leary.

December 1. Married in Norwell, Claude W. Ainslie of Marshfield and Mildred Lincoln of Hingham, by Rev. Alfred J. Wilson.

December 5. Married in Norwell, Charles Henry Baldwin, Jr., of Boston, and Bertha Louise Lincoln of Norwell, by Rev. Alfred J. Wilson.

December 14. Married in Scituate, Herbert E. Joseph of Norwell, and Grace C. Ward of Scituate, by Rev. Patrick J. Buckley.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING YEAR 1927

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
January 12	Evelyn Virginia Bates	Lincoln S. and Effie J.	Cook	Norwell
January 13	Lilla May Misheau	Robert M. and Beulah E.	Steeves	Norwell
February 9	Melvin Gauley	David G. and Harriet L.	Hitchcock	Norwell
February 10	Norma Joseph	Percy E. and Florence	Kaiser	Norwell
February 11	Carlo Chaser Georgetti	Chaser L. and Vittoria	Dozzie	Boston (Dorch
March 6	Joseph Fielding Willard	Joseph J. and Agnes	Fielding	Weymouth
March 16	Illegitimate			
March 19	Perkins	Carl W. and Mary	Gilhooley	Norwell
April 3	Richard Warren Davis	Guy and Isabel	Elliott	Norwell
April 15	Earl Norman Smith	Arthur F. and Elsie B.	Whynott	Norwell
April 15	Elsie Norma Smith	Arthur F. and Elsie B.	Whynott	Norwell
July 14	Green	Ellison and Sarah	Waddingham	Boston
July 17	Ida Kathleen Henderson	Harry A. and Mary	McCaffrey	Boston
July 19	Mildred Florence Liley	Warren D. and Erdine E.	Cook	Norwell
August 10	Joseph Irving Henderson	Irving R. and Alice K.	Wadsworth	Weymouth
August 10	Albert Reginald Ewart	Albert and Susan	Hamilton	Norwell
September 3	Madeline Elizabeth Lawrence	Benjamin and Hazel	Dill	Boston
October 13	Louise Marie Jackman	Arthur E. and Mary L.	Riedel	Boston
October 27	Alvin Chase Eaton, Jr.	Alvin C. and Edna M.	Smith	Norwell
October 30	Mary Chandler Haskins	Edward B. and Mary	Simmons	Brockton
December 28	Shirley Louise Howes	Alfred G. and Elizabeth T.	Jacobs	Weymouth
December 9	Mildred Shirley Leavitt	Thomas and Mildred	Murch	Boston
January 30, 1898	Maisie Winifred Dyer	Frank W. and Caroline W.	Litchfield	Norwell

Blanks for returning births will be furnished by the Town Clerk. Errors and omissions in the above list should be reported to him.

DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING YEAR 1927

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH		PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BIRTH
		Y	M	D				
January 3 ..	Laura A. Jenkins (Cushing) ..	85	2	0	Cancer of Colon		Norwell	Lowell
January 24 ..	Alfred F. Hatch	59	9	27	Carcinoma of Stomach		Brockton	E. Abington
February 24	Lucy Hyland Litchfield (Williamson)	95	9	9	Chronic Bronchitis		Norwell	Scituate
March 7	Flora Ann Mesheau (MacBeth) ..	80	3	5	Cancer of Breast		Norwell	Canada
March 8 ...	Esther J. Studley (Young) ..	63	11	0	Organic Heart Disease, Arteris Sclerosis		Norwell	So. Scituate
March 17 ...	Benjamin E. Stetson	82	10	17	Chronic Cystitis, Senility ..		Norwell	Scituate
April 7	Emma Louise Packard (Stoddard)	81	6	26	Arterio Sclerosis, Seniel Dementia		Norwell	So. Scituate
May 11	Elsie Norma Smith		1	27	Prematurity		Norwell	Norwell
June 22	Mary A. Downing (Maxwell) ..	70	7	0	Mitral Stenosis, Ac Nephritis.		Norwell	Boston
June 23	Charles H. Lapham	95	2	26	Cerebral Hemorrhage		Waltham	Scituate
July 29	George W. Bailey	79		7	Cardo, Nasculae, Renal Disease		Norwell	Rockland
August 28 ...	Margaret S. Campbell	12	4	20	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis		Boston	Norwell
August 30 ..	Anna T. Campbell	12	4	22	Respiratory Paralysis		Boston	Norwell
September 3 .	Sophia M. Deane (Mason)	79	2	16	Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis		Boston	Norwell
September 6	George A. Hatch	89	6	0	Respiratory Paralysis		Norwell	New York
September 20	Florence M. Cushing	74	4	27	Natural Causes, (Probably Cardio)		Norwell	Scituate
October 13 ..	Helenus E. A. Farrington	79		20	Shock from Fractured Ribs ..and Ruptured Spleen		Norwell	Boston
					Lobar Pneumonia		Norwell	Worcester
					Chronic Endocarditis		Norwell	

DEATHS (Continued)

October 15	Frank E. Studley	66	2	28	Arterio Sclerosis	Boston	Hanover
November 11	Margaret E. Brown (McCarthy)	66	3	0	La Grippe, Intestinal	Norwell	Maine
November 11	Emma S. Faulkner (Wheeler)	83	4	17	Primary, Anemia, Arterio Sclerosis	Norwell	Lowell
November 14	Martha A. Gibbs (Harden)	72	0	0	Lobar Pneumonia	Norwell	E. Bridgew'er
December 7	Ella Adelaide Jacobs (Osborne)	60		5	Cancer of Uterus	Norwell	So. Scituate
December 16	John Whalen	60		5	Myocarditis, La Grippe	Norwell	Boston
December 31	Mabel A. Sparrell (Elliot)	53	5	12	Acute Intestinal Obstruction	Norwell	Hyde Park

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL IN 1927

DATE OF DEATH	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH	DEATH PLACE OF
		Y	M	D		
January 8	George Hatch	74	—	—	Apoplexy	Rockland
January 9	Mary Jane Curtis	82	8	1	Arterio Sclerosis and Valvular Heart Disease	Hingham
February 27	Mary A. Briggs	71	6	—	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Boston
March 24	Nathan S. Turner	55	2	14	Endocarditis	Taunton
May 13	Antoinette S. Cushing	77	—	—	Acute Nephritis	Scituate
July 10	Edward C. Jacobs	58	—	—	Chronic Myocarditis	Taunton
July 4	Hazel W. Ramsdell	26	10	8	Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	Duxbury.
Dec. 30, 1926	Chester S. Barker	65	—	—	Paralysis	Fitchburg.

Number of Births 23

Number of Marriages 11

Number of Deaths 24

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk

Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Edward M. Sexton, Selectman Assessor and Overseer of Public Welfare	\$ 575 00
Wm. J. Leonard, Selectman, Assessor and Over- seer of Public Welfare	582 50
Clifton S. Deane, Selectman, Assessor and Over- seer of Public Welfare	530 00
Joseph F. Merritt, Town Clerk	135 00
Joseph F. Merritt, Registrar of Voters	35 00
Harry G. Pinson, Registrar of Voters	25 00
Wm O. Prouty, Registrar of Voters, 1926..	25 00
Wm. O. Prouty, Registrar of Voters	25 00
Henry J. Tolman, Registrar of Voters	25 00
Herbert E. Robbins, Treasurer	300 00
Wm. H. Spencer, Collector	300 00
John T. Osborn, Constable	122 75
Lester D. West, Constable	41 50
Bert I. Richardson, Constable	15 00
J. Warren Foster, Constable	5 00
Benjamin Loring, School Committee	25 00
Mrs. Grace Dinsmore, School Committee ...	25 00
Mrs. Nellie L. Sparrell, School Committee..	100 00
G. Francis Knowlton, Auditor	50 00
Carlton O. Litchfield, Election Officer	5 00
Amos H. Tilden, Election Officer	5 00
Alice C. Merritt, Election Officers	5 00

John Whalen, Moderator	15 00
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	\$ 2 971 75
Appropriation	3 300 00
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Balance	\$ 329 25

INCIDENTALS

Rockland Standard Pub. Co. Printing	
Reports, etc	\$ 345 05
Wm. H. Spencer, Tax Collector, Taxes.....	108 18
Wm. H. Spencer, Supplies	93 35
Herbert E. Robbins, Premium on Bonds	117 00
Herbert E. Robbins, Services	2 50
E. M. Sexton, Expenses	19 75
Wm. J. Leonard, Expenses	30 30
C. S. Deane, Expenses	73 35
A. B. Whiting, Services	54 00
Thomas H. Buttimer, Services	125 00
Thomas H. Buttimer, No. 2, School	300 00
Joseph F. Merritt, Recording Births,	
Deaths and Marriages	50 00
Mrs. Julia Morton, Transfers	26 56
Six Physicians, Reporting Births	3 00
Carrie M. Ford, Printing	41 50
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	28 63
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. Tolls	28 60
Department of Public Works	
Town Line Posts and Signs	28 29
Turner's Garage, Service	11 00
J. H. Sparrell, Service	17 00
A. G. Spencer, Service	1 00
Lester D. West, Service	2 50
Robert Montgomery, Tank and Labor	58 00
Harry S. Merritt, Labor	4 00
Arnold V. Beach, Labor	75

TOWN OF NORWELL

31

W. S. Ross, Printing	2 50
Town of Scituate, Taxes	9 80
Assessors' Auto Tax Service List	5 00
P. B. Murphy, Dog Book	2 00
E. F. Harris, Repair	75
Hanover Greenhouses, Flowers	5 00

\$ 1 594 36

Refund, Town of Hanover, Line Signs	20 71
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\$ 1 573 65

Appropriation	\$ 1 500 00
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Transfer, Reserve Fund	73 65
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MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON STREET CEMETERY

Perry H. Osborn, Labor	\$ 26 00
W. W. Farrar, Labor	30 00
E. N. Andrews, Labor	5 50
W. C. Bowker, Labor	6 25
Louis Whiting, Labor	50
Stewart Bowker, Labor	4 50
Russell Whiting, Labor	2 80

\$ 75 55

Appropriation	75 00
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Transfer, Reserve Fund	55
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PERMANENT FUND FOR CARE

On Deposit	\$ 259 12
Interest	12 72
Sale of Lots, 1927	47 00

Total on Deposit	\$ 318 84
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SOLDIER'S RELIEF

Mrs. John Reskevich, Board	\$ 160 00
Hall's Garage, Auto Service	5 00
Dion-Hafford & Co., Supplies	7 75
Bemis Drug Co., Supplies	3 25
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	\$ 176 00
Appropriation	250 00
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Balance	\$ 74 00

LIGHTING STREETS

Electric Light & Power Co.	\$ 551 70
Appropriation	550 00
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Transfer, Reserve Fund	\$ 1 70

TRACTOR AND PLOW

Joseph M. Hackett, Cleveland Tractor,	\$ 2 700 00
Good Roads Machinery Co., Plow	290 00
Perry H. Osborn, Cartage	10 00
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	\$ 3 000 00
Appropriation	\$ 3 000 00

SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSE

Catherine A. Roe, Salary	\$ 1 300 00
Appropriation	\$ 1 300 00

TRANSPORTATION OF NURSE

J. H. Barnard, Treas.	\$ 350 00
Appropriation	\$ 350 00

JAMES LIBRARY

Mary L. F. Power	\$ 200 00
Appropriation	\$ 200 00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. W. P. Grovestein	\$ 100 00
Appropriation	\$ 100 00

TOWN HALL

Hall & Torrey, Grate Bars and Labor	\$ 68 85
Osborne Brothers, Mason work	16 75
Geo. H. Turner, Janitor	12 50
Delano & Young, Repairs	3 55
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	\$ 101 65
Appropriation	\$ 200 00
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Balance	\$ 98 35

MEMORIAL DAY

Post 112, G. A. R.	\$ 250 00
Appropriation	\$ 250 00

LEGION RENTAL

Wm. E. Williams, Supplies	\$ 31 50
Robert K. Stoddard, Labor	32 50
Electric Light & Power Co., Supplies	5 50
H. E. Cheney, Supplies	5 50
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	\$ 75 00
Appropriation	\$ 75 00

GRADING CENTRAL SCHOOL GROUNDS

E. P. Joseph, Labor	\$ 1 000 00
Appropriation	\$ 1 000 14
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Balance	14

UNION BRIDGE

1-2 Emergency Repairs	\$ 745 30
No Appropriation	

INSURANCE

Herbert E. Robbins, Premium on Central School	
Building and Town Hall	\$ 1 164 00
No Appropriation.	

SIGN BOARDS

Expended	\$ 9 50
Appropriation	25 00
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Balance	\$15 50

 PLYMOUTH COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE

Horace T. Fogg, Treas.	\$ 125 00
Appropriation	\$ 125 00

 TOWN FOREST

Labor	\$ 27 25
Appropriation	250 00
Balance	\$ 222 75

 INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

J. Warren Foster, Inspector	\$ 58 60
Appropriation	60 00
Balance	\$ 1 40

 RESERVE FUND

Transfer, Fire Department, Equipment	358 98
Transfer, Street Lights	1 70
Transfer, Washington Street Cemetery	55
Transfer, Incidentals	73 65
Transfer, Fire Department	65 12
	\$ 500 00
Appropriation	\$ 500 00

 FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robert Montgomery, Labor and Material	
Installing Siren	\$ 90 60

Harry B. Merritt, Labor and Material	
Installing Siren	66 14
Electric Light & Power Co., Labor and Material	
Installing Siren	64 02
Electric Light & Power Co., Lights	19 72
Pay Rolls, Service at Fires	575 75
J. H. Sparrell, Supplies	46 49
Edwin F. Harris, Steward	208 00
George F. Welch Co., Coal and Ladder	87 50
Hall's Garage, Storage, Service and supplies	139 22
Turner's Garage, Service	8 14
R. W. MacDonald, Supplies	7 00
S. Salmond & Son, Supplies	7 35
E. C. Hall Co., Supplies	21 00
Calvin S. West & Son, Supplies	43 04
John H. Leary, Supplies	4 00
A. J. Vargus, Supplies	7 90
Alvan G. Spencer, Services	6 25
Am. Fire Equip. Co., Supplies	29 90
Walter T. Osborn's Son, Wood	6 50
John T. Osborn, Freight and Telephone	12 00
J. F. Merritt, Labor	6 00
Rome Bros., Supplies	1 09
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	\$ 1 457 61
Appropriation	1 000 00
Transfer, Reserve Fund	65 12
Exceeded	\$ 392 49

FIRE DEPARTMENT, EQUIPMENT

Am. Fire Equip. Co., Supplies	\$ 511 10
Town of Hanson, Supplies	55 00
Hall's Garage, Supplies	158 00

Fyr-Fyter Sales & Service, Supplies	87 08
Calvin S. West & Son, Supplies	47 80
John M. Hall, Contractor	1 000 00
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	\$ 1 858 98
Appropriation	1 500 00
Transfer, Reserve Fund	358 98

POND STREET CONSTRUCTION, 1926

John Loring, Land Damage	\$ 1 00
John Dupree, Land Damage	1 00
Henry L. Shute, Land Damage	5 00
A. W. Loud, Balance on Contract	2 040 20
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	\$ 2 047 20
Refund, State and County, 1926	\$ 12 500 00
Appropriation, 1926	1 000 00
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	\$13 500 00
Expended	12 139 47
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Balance	1 360 53
Refund, County	277 23
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	\$ 1 637 76
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Exceeded	\$ 409 44

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

1924	\$ 153 70
1925	272 14
Refund	9 90

1926	168 23
1927	193 10
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	\$ 797 07
Overlay	\$1 156 75
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Balance	\$ 359 68

SEALING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I. Austin Lincoln, Sealer	85 10
Herbert E. Robbins, Insurance premium	28 50
W. & L. E. Gurley, Supplies	5 52
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	2 35
Robert Montgomery, Labor	4 57
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	\$126 04
Fees Collected	30 35
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	95 69
Appropriation	100 00
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Balance	\$ 4 31

EDWARD M. SEXTON,
WILLIAM J. LEONARD,
CLIFTON S. DEANE,

Selectmen

Board of Public Welfare

OUTSIDE AID

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of

Public Welfare Board	\$ 1 065 13
Henry McHugh, Board	99 00
Harriet E. Stoddard, Board	72 00
Basil S. Simmons, Coal	12 50
Monetary Aid,	312 00
Mother's Aid,	465 08
C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, 3 Burials	362 00
Calvin S. West & Son, Supplies	121 66
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	\$ 2 509 37

Refund, Town of Whitman

Mother's Aid\$245 08

Refund, City of Boston 125 20

Due from Commonwealth of Mass.

Dept. of Public Welfare

Mother's Aid 220 00

590 28

\$ 1 919 09

Appropriation

2 000 00

Balance

\$ 80 91

INFIRMARY

Edwin F. Harris, Warden.....	\$ 600 00
Hall & Torrey, Plumbing	347 12
Mrs. E. F. Harris, Cash paid for	
Supplies and Clothing	161 30
Perry H. Osborn, Plowing & Mowing	40 00
Perry H. Osborn	
Wood and Sawing	63 25
Geo. F. Welch Co., Coal	318 64
Phillips, Bates & Co., Grain	128 60
Calvin S. West & Son, Supplies	565 13
Houghton & Dutton Co., Supplies ..	38 67
Nathan Cushing Estate, Hay	22 40
Hall's Poultry Farm, Pullets	39 00
Fred B. Turner, Milk	15 90
J. A. Martin, Ice	24 16
Electric Light & Power Co., Lights	47 24
Atherton Furniture Co., Refrigerator	39 50
C. L. Rice, Supplies	4 88
Arthur L. Power, Use of Stock	3 00
C. W. Tilden, Labor	15 25
J. Lyman Wadsworth, Treas., Hay ..	13 68
Young Electric Co., Labor	9 00
W. C. Sole, Paint and Glass	3 00
Dr. H. F. Handy, Service	34 00
Dr. T. B. Alexander, Service	4 00
Dr. H. F. Cleverly, Service	4 00
	—————\$ 2 541 72

RECEIVED

Sale of Milk, Eggs, Vegetables, etc	\$355 65	
Weighing Hay	14 07	
Town of Marshfield, Board	9 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 378 72
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		\$ 2 163 00
Appropriation		2 500 00
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Balance		\$ 337 00

EDWARD M. SEXTON,
WILLIAM J. LEONARD,
CLIFTON S. DEANE,

Board of Public Welfare

Moth Superintendent

MOTH ACCOUNT

F. M. Curtis, 87 days	
At \$4.50	\$ 394 25
Charles Bates, 48 1-2 days	
At \$4.00	194 00
Lincoln Bates, 56 days	
At \$4.00	224 00
Western Bates, 42 1-2 days	
At \$4.00	170 00
F. M. Curtis, use of truck, 18 1-2 days	
At \$3.00	55 50
F. M. Curtis, use of truck, 35 1-2 days	
At \$8.00	284 00
Alfred Bates, 30 1-2 days	
At \$4.00	122 00
Charles Bates, use of truck, 29 1-2 days	
At \$2.00	59 00
Weston Bates, use of car, 1 day	
At \$2.00	2 00
Phillip Ayer, 5 1-2 days at \$4.00 ..	22 00
Richard Bonell, 13 1-2 days	
At \$4.00	54 00
Roland Dobson, team 5 days	
At \$9.00	45 00
Edward Harris, 2 days, at \$4.00 ..	8 00
Alvan Spencer, 7 days, at \$4.80 ..	33 60
Alfred Bates, use of truck, 6 days	
At \$2.00	12 00

Howard Baker, 3 days at \$4.00 ..	12 00
Robert Stovell, 5 days at \$4.00 ..	20 00
Hall and Torrey, Paint and Supplies	7 35
F. M. Curtis, carting lime, sulphur	2 00
Freight on lime, sulphur	2 04
Frost Insecticide Co., L Sulphur ..	47 34
F. M. Curtis, carting Lead	4 00
F. M. Curtis, Cost paid Am. Ex.	57
F. M. Curtis, Cash Paid, Hanover Garage	2 00
F. M. Curtis, Cash paid Geo. Dobson	18 00
F. M. Curtis, Cash paid Edward Harriss	2 00
John H. Sparrell, Gar and Supplies	25 93
F. M. Curtis, Cash paid Am. Ex.	51
Whitman Soule, Labor	2 00
Freight on Creosote	1 79
F. M. Curtis, Carting	2 00
F. M. Curtis, 10 days 7 hours At \$4.50	48 60
Charles Bruce, 10 days 7 hours At \$4.00	43 50
Alfred Bates, 10 days 7 hours At \$4.00	43 50
Harry V. McHough, 7 days, 3 hours At \$4.00	29 50
F. M. Curtis, use of truck, 10 days 7 hours, at \$3.00	32 63
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Less Amount charged property owners	\$268 69
Less private work	680 75
Less Spraying Elms	200 00
Less Sale of Lead	63 72
Less Refund from State	24 50

Less Town Appropriation	810 99	
	<hr/>	\$ 2 048 65
Unexpended		\$ 22 04
Month of November		
Financed by State		\$346 00

FRED M. CURTIS

Moth Sueprintendent

Tree Warden

Roland Dobson, Labor	\$ 1 00	
F. M. Curtis, Labor	1 00	
Arthur Mitchell, use of car	1 00	
F. M. Curtis, Labor	1 00	
F. M. Curtis, 2 days, at \$4.50	9 00	
J. W. Foster, 2 days at \$4.00	8 00	
Donald Merritt, 2 days at \$4.00	8 00	
Henry Leavitt, 2 days at \$4.00	8 00	
F. M. Curtis, use of truck 2 days at \$3	6 00	
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Appropriation		75 00
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Unexpended	\$	32 00

FRED M. CURTIS

Tree Warden

MOWING AND BURNING BUSHES

F. M. Curtis, 27 days at \$4.50	\$121 50
Charles Bates, 10 1-2 days at \$4.00..	42 00
Lincoln Bates, 10 1-2 days at \$4.00..	42 00
Western Bates, 6 1-2 days at \$4.00 ..	26 00
F. M. Curtis, use of truck 24 1-2 days	
at \$3.00	73 50
Alfred Bates, 1 1-2 days at \$4.00	6 00
Chas Bates, use of truck, 2 1-2 days	
At \$2.00	5 00

Donald Merritt, 16 1-2 days at \$4.00	66 00	
J. W. Foster, 16 1-2 days at \$4.00 ..	66 00	
Henry Leavitt, 16 1-2 days at \$4.00..	66 00	
		—————\$ 514 00
Appropriation		\$ 500 00
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Exceeded		\$ 14 00

FRED M. CURTIS

Tree Warden

SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

F. M. Curtis, 6 1-2 days, at \$4.50	\$29 25
Charles Bates, 3 days, at \$4.00	12 00
F. M. Curtis, use of truck, 7 days	
At \$3.00	21 00
Lincoln Bates, 4 days, at \$4.00	16 00
Weston Bates, 2 days, at \$4.00	8 00
Alfred Bates, 1 1-2 days at \$4.00	6 00
Phillip Ayer, 1-2 day at \$4.00	2 00
Charles Bates, use of truck 1 1-2 days	
At \$2.00	3 00
Richard Bonell, 1 day, at \$4.00	4 00
Donald Merritt, 6 days, at \$4.00	24 00
James Clark, 3 days, at \$4.00	12 00
J. W. Foster, 1 day, at \$4.00	4 00
Henry Leavitt, 2 days, at \$4.00	8 00
Edward Harriss, 4 1-2 days at \$4.00 ..	18 00
J. W. Foster, sharpening lawn mowers	2 00
E. R. Jones, Labor	10 00

2 Scyth Stones	40	
	<hr/>	\$ 179 65
Appropriation		200 00
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Unexpended	\$	20 35

FRED M. CURTIS

Tree Warden

Trustees

FIFTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN FUND

Amount of Fund		\$ 2 000 00
Available Interest in Bank, Jan. 1,		
1927	\$ 393 49	
Interest on Bank Book	111 72	
	<hr/>	\$ 505 21
Paid Worthy Poor	\$ 118 50	
Available Interest in Bank Jan. 1,		
1928	386 71	
	<hr/>	\$ 505 21

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE ABIGAIL T. OTIS POOR FUND

Amount of Fund		\$ 2 000 00
Available interest in Bank, Jan. 1,		
1927	\$ 421 38	
Interest on Bank Book	114 62	
	<hr/>	\$ 536 00
Paid Worthy Poor	\$ 51 08	
Interest in Bank Jan. 1, 1928	484 92	
	<hr/>	\$ 536 00

INCOME CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

	Interest Added 1927	Expended 1927	Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1928
Abigail T. Otis	\$53 00	\$53 00	\$110 00
Abigail T. Otis, Tomb	30 62	30 12	138 00
Miss Eliza Josselyn	11 54	11 54	40 00
Samuel C. Cudworth	13 20	13 20	75 00
Prudence C. Delano	19 23	19 23	100 00
Nancy Hersey	5 27	5 27	10 00
Betsey Tolman	5 44	3 00	16 26
George P. Clapp	5 44	3 00	16 04
Mary O. Robbins	11 44	11 54	40 00
Charles H. Merritt	2 40	2 40	0 00
James W. Sampson	14 41	14 41	50 00
Robbins Tomb	6 01	6 01	25 00
Davis Damon	5 77	5 77	20 00
Susan C. Damon	5 27	5 27	10 00
George H. Bates	5 04	5 04	5 00
Gad Leavitt	5 58	3 00	19 10
Adeline A. Pain	10 81	10 81	25 00
Thomas Sampson	3 99	3 00	9 60
Abbie S. Bates	14 53	0 00	317 08
Hosea J. Stockbridge	11 59	0 00	53 25
N. P. Brownell	7 19	7 19	0 00
John H. Knapp	5 86	18 00	10 67
Olive H. Brigham	7 74	7 25	11 12
Benj. P. Nichols	3 78	3 25	6 05
Albert S. Green	10 97	3 00	36 55
Timothy Chapman	4 88	3 25	5 17
Lewis W. Kilburn	4 97	3 25	6 87
Charles Tolman	4 80	0 00	4 80
Leafy Curtis Miller	0 00	0 00	0 00
Chester Barker	0 00	0 00	0 00
Robert K. Stoddard	0 00	0 00	0 00
W. W. Farrar	0 00	0 00	0 00

Highway Surveyor

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Perry H. Osborn

Working with State Man	\$ 2 25	
Labor on Scraper	2 00	
Express	5 50	
Use of Car	4 00	
Road Meeting in Boston	4 50	
Cement	1 80	
Lighting Lanterns	1 50	
Labor on tree	4 12	
Labor and Material on Town Pump ..	14 30	
Postage	1 75	
Telephone	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 46 72
Phillips Bates & Co.		36 17
Calvin S. West & Son		54 33
New England Road Mach. Co		83 50
Robert W. MacDonald		30 00
Charles W. Tilden		2 50
Berger Mfg. Co.		59 40
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		\$ 312 62

SUMMARY OF STREETS

Barstow Avenue	\$ 75 96
Bridge	22 31
Circuit	590 40

Cross	481 13
Winter	313 92
Norwell Avenue	423 15
Grove	903 09
Prospect	650 93
Jacobs Avenue	55 62
South	81 74
Pleasant	166 94
Lincoln	106 06
Mt. Blue	435 77
Mt Hope	47 96
High	1 319 05
School	39 88
Oak	37 26
Stetson	161 07
Fences (Labor)	38 38
Church	36 47
Culverts (Labor)	116 50
Tiffany	190 70
Common	19 62
Green	352 19
Common Avenue	18 63
Nealgate	474 42
Pine	769 71
Bowker	16 49
Forest	77 70
West	213 41
Forest Avenue	2 50
Dover	123 93
Cedar	137 18
Town Lines	10 25
River	489 97
Main	3 215 37
Summer	475 22
Parker	16 12
Central	925 46

Pond	495 24	
General Account	312 62	
		<hr/> \$14 440 32
Credit		
Percival G. Power		14 00
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		\$14 426 32
Appropriation		
Town	5 000 00	
Town and State	4 700 00	
Received from State	4 700 00	
		<hr/> \$14 400 00
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Exceeded		\$ 26 32

HIGHWAY PAYROLL AND EXPENDITURES

Harry Pinson (gravel)	\$ 6 00
Calvin S. West & Son (tools)	54 33
Charles Bruce 3 days, 5 hr.	14 50
William Lee, 10 days	40 00
Bernard Shultz, 2 days	8 00
Henry Leavitt, 57 days, 7 1-2 hr...	231 75
Everett W. Osborne, 43 days ...	172 00
Alexander Black, 14 days	56 00
I. Austin Lincoln, 40 days	160 00
George Barrell, 14 days	56 00
Joseph Briggs, 2 days	8 00
William Beach, 3 days	12 00
Charles Williamson and truck, 29 days	319 00
Lyman Lincoln and truck	
59 days, 4 hours	654 50
Frank Thomas (gravel)	24 00
Robert Goosby, 4 days	16 00

Phillips Bates & Co. (tools)	36 17
Turtle Island Crushed Stone Co.	54 38
Perry H. Osborn, 187 days, 4 hrs.	842 93
General	46 72
Man and large truck, 87 days 4 hr.	2 100 00
Man and Reo, 112 days, 1 hr.	1 345 50
Man and Ford, 118 days, 7 hr.	1 306 94
Man and Team, 126 days, 2 hr.	1 136 25
2 men and 2 teams 2 days	36 00
Man 104 days, 4 hr.	418 00
2 Men 19 days, 4 hr.	154 00
3 Men 11 days	132 00
4 Men, 3 days	48 00
New England Road Mach. Co. (Parts for Scraper)	83 50
William Maynard, 84 days, 2 1-2 hr.	337 25
Harry McKay 5 days	20 00
Henry T. Gunderway, 33 days 1-2 hour	134 00
Joseph Totman, 7 days	28 00
Walter Wagner, 6 days, 4 hrs.	26 00
The Barrett Co., (Tarvia)	3 039 20
Robert Smith, 5 days	20 00
Wilbur Hatch, 10 days	40 00
John Prince, 29 days, 6 hrs.	119 00
James Smith, 3 days	12 00
Robert MacDonald (Repairs)	30 00
Charles W. Tilden (Repairs)	2 50
John Gunderway, 31 days 1-2 hr.	125 00
Lyman W. Lincoln, Jr., 29 days 4 hr.	118 00
Berger Mfg. Co., (Culcerts)	59 40
Charles H. Smith, 11 days, 4 hr.	46 00
William Weatherby (Gravel)	186 20
Raleigh Barker (Gravel)	80
Robert Molla (Gavel)	43 00
Thomas Tindale (Gravel)	159 40

Samuel Sylvester (Gravel)	4 00	
Lyman W. Lincoln (Gravel)	21 00	
Andrew J. Litchfield, (Gravel) ..	80 60	
Edwin C. Bent (Gravel)	21 00	
Standard Oil (Asphalt)	195 50	
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Credit		
Percival G. Power	14 00	
		<hr/> \$14 426 32
Appropriation	14 400 00	
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Exceeded	\$ 26 32	

SNOW ACCOUNT 1927

Phillips Bates & Co. Supplies	\$ 3 85
H. H. Berry (Gas and Oil for tractor)	6 57
William Beach	3 00
Good Roads Mach. Co. (Snow plow blade)	37 30
Robert Goosby	3 00
Henry T. Gunderway	4 00
Jared Gardner	1 50
Edward Harris	2 00
Wilbur Hatch	35 50
E. P. Joseph, Large truck	589 50
Percy E. Joseph	51 50
Arthur Jackman	78 50
Fred Joseph	7 75
Herbert Joseph	44 00
Bertram Joseph	3 50
Harrison Loud	1 00
Lester Litchfield	1 75
I. Austin Lincoln (Gas and Oil for tractor)	18 54

Robert MacDonald (Repairs)	80 90
Joseph Meuse	59 00
J. Foster Merritt, Jr.	28 50
Fred McKay	52 50
William Maynard	3 00
Arthur Merritt	5 00
Perry H. Osborn	124 87
Man and Large Truck	702 50
Man and Ford	28 00
Man and Reo	57 50
1 Man	57 50
2 Men	20 00
Supplies	12 40
John T. Osborn	51 50
Everett W. Osborne	1 00
Arthur Randall	18 00
Rose Bros., Large truck and 2 men ..	198 00
G. Lancaster Snowdale	21 00
Standard Oil	2 89
Charles H. Smith	4 25
Charles H. Smith, Jr.	3 00
Clifford Smith	2 50
Robert Smith	2 00
William Smith	2 00
John H. Sparrell (Gas and Oil for Tractor)	31 32
William D. Turner (Gas and Oil for Tractor)	2 40
Charles Tilden	4 00
Clement Thomas	5 00
Calvin S. West & Son	9 66
Lester D. West and truck	4 00
Lester D. West, Sand	1 40
Stanley Winslow	3 50
<hr/> \$ 2 491 85	

Appropriation	2 500 00
Balance	<u>\$ 9 15</u>

PERRY H. OSBORN
Highway Surveyor

SNOW (Special Appropriation)

Joseph Hackett	
(For Cletrac)	\$2 700 00
Good Roads Machine Co.	
(For Champion Plow)	290 00
Perry H. Osborn	
(Truck to Boston)	10 00
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	\$ 3 000 00
Appropriation	\$3 000 00

PERRY H. OSBORN
Highway Surveyor

Board of Health

With the unusually violent and fatal cases of infantile paralysis and the added expense at the "Tuberculosis Hospital" we have greatly exceeded the appropriation this year. In past years it has been the custom for the Town to make a small appropriation with the idea that it helped to keep the tax rate down, even if it became necessary for the Board to exceed. This does not meet with the approval of the State Division of Accounts. While we cannot tell what emergency may arise we suggest that the Town appropriate at least \$1500.00 for the ensuing year.

Diseases Reported to the Board

Anterior Poliomyelitis	5
Chicken Pox	1
Dog Bite (requiring anti-rabic treatment)	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Tuberculosis, other forms	1
Measles	1
Scarlet Fever	1

INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Hogs	156
Calves	16
Sheep	10

BOARD OF HEALTH ACCOUNT

Plymouth County Tuberculosis	
Hospital	\$1 090 70
City of Cambridge	39 00
Massachusetts Homeopathic	
Hospital	189 00
Dumphy Motor Car Co., Ambulance	
Service	110 00
Dr. Harry T. Handy	14 00
Parke Davis & Co., Anti Rabic Serum	49 26
John H. Sparrell, Auto service	25 00
Joseph F. Merritt, Services	145 00
Amos H. Tilden, Inspections	91 00
	<hr/> \$ 1 752 96
Appropriation	\$ 500 00
	<hr/> 1 252 96
Due from State Board of Health,	
To Town Treasury	517 14
Actual amount exceeded	\$ 735 82

Respectfully submitted,

MINOT WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH F. MERRITT,
HORACE D. GAUDETTE,

Board of Health

Forestry

Previous to the town meeting of 1923, the governors of the six New England states being assembled in conference, had under consideration the condition of our lumber supply, and in view of its rapid disappearance, agreed to request the towns of their respective states to investigate the question of establishing town forests.

Accordingly, at the request of Governor Cox, there appeared in the warrant for our annual town meeting for that year, this article:

Will the town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a town forest?

The town voted that the Selectmen appoint a committee for that purpose.

No definite action was taken in 1924, except to authorize the appointment of a committee to determine what land was suitable and available to acquire for a town forest.

In 1925 the town voted to establish a town forest under Chapter 45 of the General Laws; also to employ its almshouse unimproved land and lands acquired by tax sale for forestry purposes.

Since that time the town's title to the tax sale lands has been thought to be uncertain and they have not been improved.

Last spring the secretary of the Massachusetts Forestry Association suggested to all the forestry committees and school superintendents the desirability of getting the school children interested in forestry work, and asking them to assist in planting trees on Arbor Day.

With the approval of the School Committee and the Superintendent and the co-operation of the Principal and teachers of the central school and of Mr. Cochran, 1500 four year white pine seedlings, furnished by the state from the forest nurseries at Bridgewater, were planted on April 29, by the pupils of the Central school, in the woodland in the rear of the school grounds, which was acquired by the School Committee with the playground through the generosity of Mr. A. L. Sylvester. The tree warden and his men were employed to remove some brush and briers and W. O. Henderson for Mr. Barnard assisted in directing the planting. Most of these trees are alive and ready to begin growing. Mr. Cochran, without expense to us, went to Bridgewater with his car and brought the trees the day before the planting, so that they were in fine condition.

The planting was preceded by an interesting program in the Assembly hall.

The law requiring the appointment of a town forest committee became effective in July, and the Selectmen appointed Mr. Fred B. Cochran for three years Clifton S. Deane for two years and Fred M. Curtis for one year, and they organized with Mr. Cochran chairman, and Mr. Deane secretary.

In October through the initiative and under the supervision of Mr. Cochran, a tree club of thirty-eight members was formed by the pupils of the High School, to study trees and forestry. The principal has kindly arranged to allow

the use of a room for one period on the third Thursday of each month, and three illustrated lectures have already been given before the club, one by Mr. E. W. Brockway, the U. S. Pine Blister Rust Agent, and two by Mr. Robert Parmenter from the Massachusetts Division of Forestry. Others are to follow, Mr. Parmenter and Mr. Brockway, together with Mr. Gardner C. Norcross, the County Agricultural Extension Agent, have visited our woodland with members of the committee and also woodlands of some private owners in the town, and given expert advice on the management of the same. Their services are free to any citizen or owner of forest land in Norwell.

EXPENSES

C. S. Deane	\$6 75	
Fred M. Curtis	4 50	
Charles Bates	4 00	
Alfred Bates	4 00	
Lincoln Bates	4 00	
Weston Bates	4 00	
		————— \$ 27 25
Appropriation		250 00
		—————
Balance		\$222 75

FRED B. COCHRAN,
 CLIFTON S. DEANE,
 FRED M. CURTIS,
 Town Forest Committee

Report of Assessors

Taxable Real Estate	\$1 701 890 00
Taxable Personal Estate	258 685 00
Total Taxable Valuation 1927	\$1 960 575 00
Total Taxable Valuation 1926	1 740 975 00

Increase	219 600 00
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Exempted Real Estate	\$18 595 00	
Exempted Personal Estate	100 00	
Total Exempted	—————	\$ 18 695 00
Tax Rate, 1927	\$30 50 per	\$1 000 00
Town Tax, including overlay		51 779 87
County Tax		4 014 33
State Tax		3 240 00
State Highway Tax		427 60
Municipal Accts, Audit Tax		336 58
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance		590 00
Persons Assessed	1 062	
Poll Tax Only	87	
Polls Assessed	475	
Total Number Polls	490	
Polls Exempt	15	
Number of Acres of Land	12 874	
Number of Dwelling Houses	578	
Number of Horses	111	
Number of Cows	140	
Number of Neat Cattle	24	
Number of Sheep	13	
Number of Swine	25	

Number of Fowl	12 874	
Per Capita Valuation		\$1 331 00
Per Capita Tax		40 60

EDWARD M. SEXTON,
WILLIAM J. LEONARD,
CLIFTON S. DEANE,

Assessors

Tax Collector

W. W. Boardman of the Tax Commissioner's office has examined the Collector's Books for the years 1920, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, closing them to June 1st 1927 and found a balance due the Town of

\$ 1 021 28

Paid the Treasurer to balance

\$ 1 021 28

Collected and paid Treasurer since June 1st 1927.

On account of 1924\$ 11 64

Uncollected 37 19

1925 account paid Treasurer\$ 1 486 53

Uncollected 201 34

1926 account paid Treasurer\$ 6 840 49

Uncollected 2 712 59

1927 Polls, 474\$ 948 00

Interest 94

—————\$ 948 94

Abatements\$ 12 00

Paid Treasurer 932 81

Cash on hand 4 13

—————\$ 948 94

1927 Tax Levy\$60 648 43

Interest Collected 46 94

—————\$60 695 37

Abatements	\$	193	10
Paid Treasurer		46	782 38
Cash on hand			26 95
Uncollected		13	692 94
			—————\$60 695 37

The 1924 balance is in litigation, the Town Council, Thos. Buttiner having the matter in charge.

WM. H. SPENCER
Collector of Taxes

Trustees Ridge Hill Library

RECEIVED

On Hand	\$13 42
Appropriation	50 00
Fines	16 61
	—————\$80 03

PAID

Books	\$52 71
Oil Burner	14 50
Rebinding	7 75
Fuel	2 50
Stationary and Supplies	2 39
	—————\$79 85
Balance	\$ 18

Our total circulation for the year was 1791, 1267 fiction and 524 non fiction. We have added 80 volumes during the year, 42 by purchase and 38 by gift. The continued interest and generosity of the State Library Commission and the gifts of books by several individuals have been an incentive to our Library. The Parent-Teachers Association donated a sum sufficient to provide shelving which Mr. Wm. O. Prouty installed without expense in our new and improved quarters in the upper rooms of the Ridge

Hill School House, which we are permitted to occupy thru the courtesy of the School Committee. This change from our old and crowded quarters will enable the Library to function with much greater efficiency.

ALFRED H. PROUTY,
WM. J. LEONARD,
WM. O. PROUTY

Trustees

Report of an Audit of the Town of Norwell

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Edward N. Sexton, Chairman,
Norwell, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Norwell for the period from January 1, 1926 to May 23, 1927, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,
THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Norwell for the period from January 1, 1926 to May 23, 1927, and submit the following report thereon:—

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several department receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and verified for the period covered by the audit.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were checked with the original vouchers and cancelled checks on file and with the selectmen's records of authorized payments from the town treasury.

The cash book was footed throughout for the period covered by the audit, and the cash balance was verified by a reconciliation of the bank account with the statement furnished by the bank.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists for the levies of 1920 to 1926, inclusive, and the commitment of poll taxes for 1927 were footed, analyzed, and compared with the assessors' warrants to the collector. Variations between the aggregate of the commitment list and the amount called for by the assessors' warrant were found in each of the levies examined, these variations ranging in amounts from \$2. in the poll tax commitment of 1927 to \$667.86 in the property tax commitment of 1924.

The cash book entries were checked in detail to the commitment books for each of the levies examined, and many errors and omissions were disclosed, duplicate entries were found on the cash book, abatements were found to have been entered as cash collections, and a number of payments had been entered on the commitment books which did not appear on the cash books.

After making the necessary corrections and adjustments on account of these errors and omissions, it was found that the actual cash collections as determined by the examination exceeded the payments to the treasurer, as shown by the treasurer's records, by \$1,021.88, this cash discrepancy being paid over to the treasurer by the collector at the completion of the examination.

The discrepancy in the collector's accounts was due, to a large extent, to the fact that the collector took credit twice for a payment to the treasurer on November 13, 1924, of \$1,000., having entered the amount on his books as a payment on account of the levy of 1923 and also on account of the levy of 1924. This variation of \$1,000. between the collector's records of payments to the treasurer and the treasurer's records of receipts from the collector is clearly indicated by a comparison of the treasurer's and the collector's reports in the annual town report for 1924, but apparently the error was not discovered.

It is apparent that the collector does not keep a proper separation of the town cash and his personal funds, and I would recommend that a separate bank account be opened for his accounts as tax collector and that payments be made to the treasurer weekly as required by Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, as amended by Chapter 65, Acts of 1926.

The outstanding accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Three replies were received claiming that the amounts called for had been paid. These claims were investigated and it was found that two of the accounts had been paid but that through clerical error the payments had not been entered on the books. The other account was found to have been paid subsequent to the date of notice. From the balance of the replies received I am

satisfied that with the exception mentioned the accounts as listed are correct.

The many errors and omissions in the collector's accounts and the variations between the commitment lists and the assessors' warrants necessitated a considerable amount of detailed checking, which materially increased the cost of the audit.

There are outstanding accounts on each of the levies 1920 to 1924 inclusive, which are long past due, and a determined effort should be made to clear the books of these accounts.

The books and accounts in the selectmen's office were examined and checked in detail. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town, and it was found that a number of accounts had been overdrawn in 1926, and several in 1927, which is contrary to the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

Departmental officials should not incur liability in excess of the sums appropriated by the town. Even though the sums available are insufficient to permit the performance of the work which, in their opinion, should be done, they are, nevertheless, bound by the amount appropriated, as the town has stated in effect that it desires service only to the

amount of the appropriation; therefore, the officials should plan their work to come within the sums available. In this connection I wish to call attention to Chapter 248 of the Acts of 1926, which reads as follows:

Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter, or any other provision of general law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds on account of any city, town or district, or any provision of special law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds as aforesaid, shall, except as otherwise provided, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; and the mayor, selectmen, prudential committee, or commissioners, shall, and five taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

An analysis of the accounts was compiled from the various records and data obtained from the examination, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of May 23, 1927.

From this balance sheet it will be noted that there is a revenue deficit of \$604.75 in addition to the overdrawn accounts of 1927 of \$609.64. This revenue deficit and the overdrawn accounts should be provided for by appropriation in order that the treasurer may be able to comply with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, in the issue and payment of loans in anticipation of revenue.

The records of receipts from licenses issued by the selectmen and town clerk were examined and checked with the

records of licenses issued, and the payments to the state, county, and town treasurer, were verified. I wish to call attention to the fact that all moneys collected on account of licenses issued for the town and the hunting and fishing licenses issued for the State should be paid the town and state treasurers monthly.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the selectmen, library trustees and the town treasurer were personally examined, and the income and disbursements were verified.

The funds in the custody of the selectmen and the library trustees have been placed in the custody of the town treasurer, and all future transactions will be handled through the treasurer's office.

The surety bonds of the treasurer and the tax collector were examined and found to be in proper form. The town clerk, however, has not filed a bond as required by Section 13, Chapter 41, General Laws.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the accounts of all other departments receiving or disbursing funds for the town were examined and verified.

While engaged in making the audit I received the co-operation of the several town officials, and on behalf of my assistant and for myself I wish to express appreciation for the assistance rendered and the courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,
Chief Examiner

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1926,	\$ 845 36	
Receipts	178 070 05	
		\$178 915 41
Payments,	\$174 653 85	
Cash balance Dec. 31, 1926,	4 261 56	
		\$178 915 41
Cash balance January 1, 1927	\$ 4 261 56	
Receipts January 1 to May		
23, 1927 per cash book,	66 984 74	
		\$71 246 30
Payments January 1 to May 23, 1927	\$ 49 531 79	
Cash balance May 23, 1927	21 714 51	
		\$71 246 30
Cash balance May 24, 1927,	\$ 21 714 51	
Receipts May 24 to July 6,		
1927, per cash book	4 683 27	
Receipts not previously en-		
tered: Moth department,		
sale of lead,	31 86	
		\$ 26 429 64
Payments May 24 to July		
6, 1927	\$ 9 549 57	
Cash balance July 6, 1927	16 880 07	
		\$ 26 429 64
Rockland Trust Company:		
Balance June 30, per		
Statement	\$ 17 817 86	
Deposits:		
July 6, 1927	\$ 644 83	
July 6, 1927,	1 045 19	
		1 690 02
Cash in office (verified)		37 80
		\$ 19 545 68
Outstanding checks June		
30, 1927, per list,	\$ 1 927 74	
Vouchers paid July 1 to 6		
per list,	737 87	
Cash balance July 6, 1927	16 880 07	
		\$ 19 545 68

TAXES—1920

Commitments per warrants

Polls,	\$ 2 117 00
Property,	43 998 91
Moth assessments	706 98

\$46 822 89

Interest collected per commitment books

861 17

Duplicate entry, cash book pages 34 and 38

9 43

Abatements entered as cash:

Cash book, page 34, commitment book, page 36 \$32 80

Cash book, page 20, commitment book, page 95 6 56

Cash book, page 29, commitment book, page 29 75

Cash book, page 53, commitment book, page 47 33

Cash book, page 53, commitment book, page 70 2 46

Cash book, page 52, commitment book, page 90 1 64

44 54

\$ 47 738 03

Collections per cash book, Abatements

\$ 47 286 42

416 88

Warrant in excess of commitment list:

Property 31 89

Outstanding May 23, 1927 per list

2 84

\$ 47 738 03

Collections:

Cash book, \$47 286 42

Due collector May 23, 1927

43 44

\$ 47 329 86

Payments to treasurer:

1920, \$33 259 48

1921, 8 642 28

1922, 3 939 50

1923, 1 008 92

1924,	322 45	
1925,	103 26	
		\$47 275 89
Duplicate entry,	9 43	
Abatements entered as cash	44 54	53 97
		<u>\$ 47 329 86</u>

TAXES—1921

Commitments per warrants:

Polls	\$ 2 145 00	
Property	54 154 75	
Additional	222 23	
Moth assessment	820 47	
		\$57 342 45

Commitment lists in excess of warrants:

Polls	\$ 5 00	
Property	15 25	
		20 25

Interest collected per commitment book

1 187 24
\$ 58 549 94

Collections per cash book \$57 489 66

Collections per commitment book not on cash book:

Commitment book, page 1		
Poll tax	\$5 00	
Commitment book, page 56, Moth assessment	33	
		5 33

Abatements 1 029 95

Outstanding May 23, 1927,
per list 25 00

\$ 58 549 94

Collections:

Cash book,	\$57 489 66	
Commitment book, not on cash book	5 33	
Due collector May 23, 1927	53 14	
		\$57 548 13

Payments to treasurer:

1921 \$40 291 38

1922	9 473 52	
1923	4 284 92	
1924	2 560 38	
1925	937 93	
		\$57 548 13

TAXES—1922

Commitment per warrants:

Polls	\$ 2 515 00	
Property	50 416 61	
Moth assessment	720 10	
		\$53 651 71

Commitment list in excess of warrants:

Polls	10 00	
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Interest collected per com-
book

828 28

Duplicate and overentries on cash book:

Pages 51 and 52	\$ 3 37	
Pages 46 and 55	63 57	
Pages 52 and 55	3 76	
Pages 49 and 55	11 23	
Pages 44 and 55	1 76	
Pages 55 and 57	4 90	
Pages 43 and 53	4 38	

92 97

\$54 582 96

Collection per cash book

\$53 193 59

Collections per commitment
book not on cash book.

Commitment book, page 8, Taxes \$5.00, Interest 20c	\$5 20	
Commitment book page 27 Interest 21c	21	

\$5 41

Abatements

1 352 85

Outstanding May 23, 1927,
per list

31 11

\$54 582 96

Collections:

Cash book

\$53 193 59

Commitment book, not on cash book		5 41	
Due collector May 23, 1927		94 91	
			\$53 293 91
Payments to treasurer:			
1922	\$37 581 08		
1923	11 232 88		
1924	3 132 59		
1925	1 254 39		
		\$53 200 94	
Duplicate and overentries on cash book		92 97	
			\$53 293 91

TAXES—1923

Commitment per warrants:			
Polls	\$ 2 465 00		
Property	57 632 27		
Moth assessment	732 98		
		\$60 830 25	
Commitment list in excess of warrant:			
Polls,		30 00	
Interest collections per commitment		951 52	
Duplicate and overentries on cash book:			
Cash book, pages 46 and 51	\$70 71		
Cash book pages 35 and 51	48 57		
Cash book page 54, Commitment book page 57	50		
		119 78	
			\$61 931 55
Collections per cash book		\$60 142 88	
Collections per commitment book not on cash book:			
Commitment book, p. 32 taxes, \$8.66, interest .86	\$ 9 52		
Commitment book, p. 44 taxes	58		
Commitment book, p. 57 taxes \$58.45, interest \$16.53	74 98		

Commitment book, p. 79		
taxes, 15.40, interest \$3.44	18 84	
Commitment book, p. 79		
taxes, 10.97, interest, \$2.63	13 60	
Commitment book, p. 98		
taxes	1 93	
Commitment book, p. 10,		
taxes	5 00	
		124 45
Abatements,	1 410 49	
Warrant in excess of commitment list:		
Property		184 49
Outstanding May 23, 1927		
per list		69 24
		<u>\$61 931 55</u>
Collections:		
Cash book	\$60 142 88	
Commitment book, not on		
cash book,	124 45	
		\$60 267 33
Payments to treasurer:		
1923	\$41 208 41	
1924	14 569 53	
1925	3 764 10	
	\$59 542 04	
Duplicate and overentries		
on cash book	119 78	
Due from collector May 23 1927	605 51	
		<u>\$60 267 33</u>

TAXES—1924

Commitments per warrants:		
Polls,	\$ 934 00	
Property	51 616 78	
Moth assessments	784 19	
December commitment	6 70	
		\$53 341 67
Commitment lists in excess of warrants:		
Polls		2 00
Interest collected per com-		
mitment book	680 01	

Duplicate and overentries on cash book:			
Cash book, pgs 24 and 32	\$47 55		
Cash book page 21, Com- mitment book page 69	5 00		
Cash book, page 50, 1923			
Cash book page 54	4 41		
Cash book, pgs. 52 and 52	17		
		57 13	
			\$54 080 81
Collections per cash book		\$52 924 48	
Collections per commitment book not on cash book:			
Commitment book, p. 55, taxes	20		
Commitment book, p. 101 taxes	17		
Commitment book, p. 47 taxes \$23.45, interest \$1.55	25 00		
Commitment book, p. 98 taxes	63 07		
Commitment book, p. 109 taxes	1 68		
		90 12	
Abatements		292 93	
Warrant in excess of commitment list:			
Property		667 86	
Outstanding May 23, 1927, per list		105 42	
			<u>\$54 080 81</u>
Collections:			
Cash book,	\$52 924 48		
Commitment book not on cash book		90 12	
			\$53 014 60
Payments to treasurer:			
1924	\$36 657 09		
1925	14 614 80		
1926	596 63		
		\$51 868 52	
Duplicate and overentries on Cash book		57 13	
Due from collector May 23, 1927		1 088 95	
			<u>\$53 014 60</u>

TAXES—1925

Commitments per warrants:

Polls	\$ 966 00	
Property	62 092 44	
Moth Assessments	832.67	
		\$63 891 11

Commitment lists in excess of warrants:

Polls	\$ 4 00	
Property	69 12	
Moth assessment	1 08	
		74 20

Interest collected per commitment book

549 19

Duplicate and overentries on cash book:

Cash book, pages 16 and 18	\$ 2 00	
Cash book, page 49, commitment book, page 54	10 00	

12 00

\$64 526 50

Collections per cash book,

\$62 272 87

Collections per commitment not on cash book:

Commitment book, page 38 interest \$ 1 43

Commitment book, page 95 taxes, \$96.50, interest \$.80 97 30

Commitment book, page 6, taxes \$30.00 30 00

Commitment book, page 66 taxes 10 00

Commitment book, page 20 taxes 3 90

Commitment book, page 29 taxes 7 92

Commitment book, page 62 taxes, \$2.16, interest \$.05 2 21

152 76

407 00

Abatements

Outstanding May 23, 1927 per lists

1 693 87

\$64 526 50

Collections:

Cash book \$62 272 87

Commitment book not on cash book,	152 76		
		\$62 425 63	
Due collector May 23, 1927		481 69	
			\$62 907 32
Payments to treasurer:			
1925	\$46 004 59		
1926	15 718 50		
1927 to May 23,	1 172 23		
		\$62 895 32	
Duplicate and overentries		12 00	
			\$62 907 32

TAXES—1926

Commitments per warrants:			
Polls	\$ 938 00		
Property	73 193 59		
Moth assessments	797 85		
		\$74 929 44	
Interest collected per commitment book		206 42	
Overentry cash book, page 26		25 00	
Unlocated difference		05	
			\$75 160 91
Collections per cash book		\$64 876 60	
Collections per commitment book not on cash book:			
Commitment book, page 30 taxes	\$ 4 25		
Commitment book page 38 taxes	19 19		
Commitment book page 41 taxes	100 00		
Commitment book page 46 taxes	93 93		
Commitment book page 55 taxes	9 59		
Commitment book page 66 taxes	50 00		
Commitment book page 77 taxes	58 34		

Commitment book page 77			
taxes	3	19	
Commitment book page 36			
taxes	2	00	
Commitment book page 39			
taxes	2	00	
			342 49
Abatements			163 71
Warrants in excess of commitment lists:			
Polls	\$	10 00	
Property		266 30	
Moth assessments		10	
			276 40
Outstanding May 23, 1927,			
per list			9 501 71
			<u>\$75 160 91</u>
Collections:			
Cash book			\$64 876 60
Commitment book not on			
cash book			342 49
			<u>\$65 219 09</u>
Payments to treasurer:			
1926	\$55	753 90	
1927 to May 23	7	662 54	
			63 416 44
Overentry			25 00
Due from collector May 23, 1927	*	1	777 65
			<u>\$65 219 09</u>
* Paid treasurer May 25 and June 3, 1927.			

 POLL TAXES—1927

Commitment per warrant			\$948 00
Payments to treasurer:			
May 10, 1927	\$374	00	
May 18, 1927	326	00	
			\$700 00
Warrant in excess of commitment list,			2 00
Outstanding May 23, 1927, per list,			200 00
Cash on hand May 23, 1927			
(Paid Treasurer May 25, 1927)			46 00
			<u>\$948 00</u>

 LICENSES

Licenses issued 1926:

Victuallers', 12 @ \$2.00	\$24 00
Sunday, 18 @ \$2.00	36 00
Slaughtering, 1 @ \$1.00	1 00
Sale of gas, 19 @ \$2.00	38 00
Used Car, 4 @ \$5.00	20 00
Jitney, 2 @ \$1.00	2 00
Auctioneers', 1 @ \$2.00	2 00
Pool table, 1 @ \$5.00	5 00

\$128 00

Payments to treasurer

\$128 00

 Licenses issued January 1 to July 19, 1927

Innholders, 1 @ \$5.00	\$5 00
Victuallers', 12 @ \$2.00	24 00
Sunday, 22 @ \$2.00	44 00
Sale of gas, 12 @ \$2.00	24 00
Used car, 3 @ \$5.00	15 00
Pool table, 1 @ \$5.00	5 00

\$117 00

Payments to treasurer July 19, 1927

\$104 00

Unpaid licenses July 19, 1927

13 00

\$117 00

 DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued 1926

Males, 140 @ \$2.00	\$280 00
Females, 40 @ \$5.00	200 00
Kennel, 1 @ \$50.00	50 00
Breeder's, 1 @ \$25.00	25 00

\$555 00

Interest on overdue payment to County

3 40

\$558 40

Payments to County Treasurer:

September 29, 1926	\$173 40
January 4, 1927	327 00

\$500 40

Fees retained, 182 @ 20c

36 40

Cash on hand December 31, 1926

21 60

 \$558 40

TOWN OF NORWELL

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Cash on hand January 1, 1927	\$ 21 60	
Licenses issued:		
January 1 to July 15, 1927:		
Males, 91 @ \$2.00	\$182 00	
Females, 23 @ \$5.00	115 00	
	297 00	
		\$318 60
Payments to County Treasurer		
July 15, 1927	\$229 20	
Fees retained, 114 @ 20c	22 80	
Cash on hand July 15, 1927 (verified)	66 60	
		\$318 60

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Licenses issued January 1 to July 15, 1927:		
Resident citizen's sporting, 24 @ \$2.25		\$54 00
Payments to Department of Fisheries and Game:		
May 11, 1927	\$40 00	
June 2, 1927	6 00	
	\$46 00	
Fees retained, 24 @ 25c	6 00	
Cash on hand July 15, 1927 (verified),	2 00	
		\$54 00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees 1926		
Sealing	\$25 12	
Adjusting	8 60	
		\$33 72
Payments to treasurer,	\$30 17	
Unpaid fees December 31, 1926	2 85	
Due from sealer December 31, 1926	70	
		\$33 72
Due from sealer January 1, 1927	70	
Unpaid fees January 1, 1927	2 85	
	\$3 55	
Sealing fees January 1 to July 15, 1927	9 05	
		\$12 60

Unpaid fees July 15, 1927	\$5 18	
Cash on hand July 15, 1927		
(Paid treasurer July 15, 1927)	7 42	
		<u>\$12 60</u>

ALMSHOUSE CASH ACCOUNT

Receipts 1926:

Sale of milk and produce		\$388 83
Disbursements by warden	\$154 37	
Payments to Overseers of Poor	234 46	
		<u>\$388 83</u>

Receipts January 1 to July 20, 1927		\$142 35
Disbursements by warden January 1 to July 20, 1927	\$84 03	
Payments to Overseers of Poor	21 59	
Cash on hand July 20, 1927 (verified)	36 73	
		<u>\$142 35</u>

COFFIN WORTHY POOR FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$2 417 40	\$2 417 40
On hand December 31, 1926	\$2 393 49	\$2 393 49
On hand May 23, 1927	\$2 339 19	\$2 339 19

1926

Receipts

Interest received,	\$114 59
Withdrawn from Savings bank	23 91

Total	<u>\$138 50</u>
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Payments

Expended by selectmen for worthy poor,	\$138 50
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Total	<u>\$138 50</u>
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January 1 to May 23, 1927

Receipts

Interest received,	\$59 20
Withdrawn from Savings bank	54 30

Total	<u>\$113 50</u>
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Payments

Expended by selectmen for worthy poor	\$113 50
Total	\$113 50

ABIGAIL T. OTIS WORTHY POOR FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$2 407 08	\$2 407 08
On hand December 31, 1926	\$2 393 30	\$2 393 30
On hand May 23, 1927	\$2 375 30	\$2 375 30

1926

Receipts

Interest received	\$115 49
Withdrawn from Savings bank	13 78
Total	\$129 27

Payments

Expended by selectmen, for worthy poor	\$129 27
Total	\$129 27

January 1 to May 23, 1927

Receipts

Withdrawn from Savings bank	\$18 00
Total	18 00

Payments

Expended by selectmen for worthy poor	\$18 00
Total	\$18 00

ABIGAIL T. OTIS CEMETERY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$650 00	\$650 00
On hand December 31, 1926	\$637 50	\$637 50
On hand May 23, 1927	\$637 50	\$637 50

1926

Receipts

Interest received	\$30 94
Withdrawn from Savings bank	12 50
Total	\$43 44

	Payments	
Expended for car of cemetery lot		\$43 44
Total		<u>\$43 44</u>

ABIGAIL T. OTIS TOMB FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$1 110 00	\$1 110 00
On hand December 31, 1926	\$1 110 00	\$1 110 00
On hand May 23, 1927	\$1 110 00	\$1 110 00
	1926	
	Receipts	
Interest received		\$53 33
Total		<u>\$53 33</u>
	Payments	
Expended for care of tomb		\$53 33
Total		<u>\$53 33</u>

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$196 79	\$196 79
On hand December 31, 1926	\$259 12	\$259 12
On hand May 23, 1927	\$290 60	\$290 60
	1926	
	Receipts	
Interest received		\$8 33
Received from sale of lots		54 00
Total		<u>\$62 33</u>
	Payments	
Deposited in Savings bank		\$62 33
Total		<u>\$62 33</u>
	January 1 to May 23, 1927	
	Receipts	
Interest received		\$ 6 48
Received from sale of lots and graves		25 00
Total		<u>\$31 48</u>

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	Payments	
Deposited in Savings bank		\$31 48
Total		<u>\$31 48</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand January 1, 1926	\$4 164 58	\$4 164 58
On hand December 31, 1926	\$4 275 47	\$4 275 47
On hand May 23, 1927	\$4 272 51	\$4 272 51

	1926 Receipts	
Interest received		\$199 57
Bequests		100 00
Total		<u>\$299 57</u>

	Payments	
Deposited in Savings accounts		\$110 89
Expended for cemetery care		188 68
Total		<u>\$299 57</u>

	January 1 to May 23, 1927 Receipts	
Interest received		\$10 04
Withdrawn from Savings bank		2 96
Total		<u>\$13 00</u>

	Payments	
Expended for cemetrey care		\$13 00
Total		<u>\$13 00</u>

TOWN OF NORWELL
BALANCE SHEET—MAY 23 1927GENERAL ACCOUNTS
ASSETS

Cash		\$21 714 51
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1920	\$	2 84
Levy of 1921		25 00

Levy of 1922	31 11	
Levy of 1923	69 24	
Levy of 1924	105 42	
Levy of 1925	1 693 87	
Levy of 1926	11 279 36	
Levy of 1927 (Polls)	248 00	
		13 454 84
Tax Titles		104 33
Due from William H. Spencer, Collector		1 021 28
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Pond Street Construction	\$402 44	
Land Damages	7 00	
Fire Department	87 46	
Gypsy Moth	111 99	
Court orders	75	
		609 64
Revenue deficit 1926 and prior years		604 75
Current year revenue to be raised:		
Revenue appropriate, less polls assessed	\$76 839 14	
Less estimated receipts collected	6 322 12	
		70 517 02
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		\$108 026 37

LIABILITIES

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue		\$50 000 00
Annabel Wakefield Poor Bequest		1 000 00
Income Sawyer Lot Fund		14 93
Appropriation balances		51 883 54
Overlays reserved for abatements:		
Levy of 1920	\$ 2 84	
Levy of 1921	25 00	
Levy of 1922	31 11	
Levy of 1923	69 24	
Levy of 1924	105 42	
Levy of 1925	1 693 87	
Levy of 1926	3 096 09	
		5 023 57
Tax Title Reserve		104 33
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		\$108 026 37

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$34 000 00
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	\$34 000 00

LIABILITIES

County Hospital Loan,	\$ 1 000 00
Central Street Construction Loan	1 000 00
Schoolhouse Loan	32 000 00
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	\$34 000 00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities:	
In custody of treasurer	\$11 125 10
In custody of State	200 00
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	\$11 325 10

LIABILITIES

Coffin Poor Fund	\$2 339 19
Abigail T. Otis Poor Fund	2 375 30
Annabel Wakefield Library Fund	100 00
Abigail T. Otis Cemetery and Tomb Fund	1 747 50
Cemetery Permanent Lot Fund	290 60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	4 272 51
Sawyer Lot Fund	200 00
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	\$11 325 10

Jurors

List of persons qualified to serve as jurors in the Town of Norwell, from July 1, 1927 to July 1, 1928.

Barnard, Walter C., Clerk	River Street
Brown, Alexander, Carpenter	Main Street
Cochran, Fred B., Retired	Main Street
Delano, Frederick B., Chauffeur	Norwell Avenue
Dyer, Theodore M., Salesman	Stetson Road
Farrar, George R., Carpenter	High Street
Henderson, Harry P., Carpenter	off Main Street
Howes, Alfred G., Musician	Main Street
Hunt, Ernest G., Laborer	Tiffany Road
Jones, Ashley B., Shoeworker	High Street
Merritt, Joseph F., Carpenter	Main Street
Osborn, Perry H., Laborer	Winter Street
Otis, Joseph C., Retired	Pleasant Street
Pinson, Henry I., Lumber	Winter Street
Richardson, Bert I., Laborer	Mt. Blue Street
Robbins, Richard W., Jeweler	off Main Street
Rose, Franklin O., Engineer	Stetson Road
Spencer, William H., Merchant	Central Street
Thomas, Charles W., Clerk	Washington Street
Tilden, Amos H., Farmer	Cross Street
Torrey, Everett L., Shoeworker	High Street
Tyler, Herbert F., Poultryman	Tiffany Road
Weatherby, Lyman A., Farmer	Grove Street
Whiting, Alonzo B., Farmer	River Street
Wiggin, Norman L., Shoeworker	High Street

Report of Town Treasurer

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1927

General Funds	\$ 3 875 42
Balance School Building Approp- riation	361 65
Income Sawyer Lot Fund	18 55
	<hr/> \$ 4 255 62

From William H. Spencer, Collector

Cash received on account of Assessments
including abatements.

Year 1924	\$ 56 92
Year 1925	2 841 06
Year 1926 (Polls)	4 00
Year 1926	16 353 25
Year 1927 (Polls)	944 81
Year 1927	46 975 48
Adjustment after audit	1 021 28
	<hr/> \$68 196 80

Loans and Interest

Loans in Anticipation of Revenue.

Note 97	\$20 000 00
Note 98	20 000 00
Note 99	10 000 00
Note 100	20 000 00

Interest on Deposit at Rockland

Trust Co.	348 46	
		<u>\$70 348 46</u>

For School Purposes Only

Income Mass. School Fund	\$ 3 478 20	
Comm. of Mass. Tuition of Children	554 67	
Dept. of Education, High		
School Tuition	1 142 85	
Comm of Mass. Income Tax 1927	1 900 00	
Refund, Superintendent of Schools	692 37	
County of Plymouth, Dog Tax ..	446 43	
City of Boston	73 56	
Town of Rockland, Tuition	249 50	
Refund, Sale of Stove	5 00	
Refund, Sale of old magazines, etc	2 50	
Refund, J. L. Hammett & Co.	3 00	
Refund, L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	16 50	
Refund, Ginn & Co.	5 11	
		<u>\$ 8 569 69</u>

From State

Highway Department	\$ 4 674 08	
Corporation Tax, Public service ..	602 06	
Corporation Tax, Business	245 65	
Income Tax 1925	54 00	
Income Tax 1926	405 00	
Income Tax 1927	4 045 39	
Moth Refund	24 50	
Compensation for Inspection of		
Animals	59 05	
Division of Sanatoria Subsidies ...	260 71	
Aid to Independent Industrial Schools	23 08	
State Aid	594 00	
Veterans Exemption	50 38	
Burial of Sailors and Soldiers	60 00	
Dept. of Public Welfare,		
Temporary Aid	21 21	

Commonwealth of Mass., Contagious

Diseases	157 30	
National Bank Tax	71 30	
Trust Company Tax	651 50	
Income of Sawyer Lot Fund	8 76	
	<u> </u>	\$12 007 97

Licenses

Sunday Licenses	\$ 44 00	
Licenses for sale of gas	30 00	
Licenses for sale of used cars	10 00	
Victualer's Licenses	22 00	
Pedlers' Licenses	18 00	
Inn Keeper's License	5 00	
License for Pool Table	5 00	
Auctioneer's License	2 00	
Slaughtering License	1 00	
Jitney License	1 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 138 00

Sale of Lots in Washington Street Cemetery

Frank E. Studley	\$ 10 00	
James E. Stoddard	10 00	
Thomas Campbell	10 00	
William J. Leonard	12 00	
One Grave	5 00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 47 00

Refunds of Account of Outside Poor

Refund, Caleb Litchfield	\$ 18 00	
Refund, Town of Marshfield	9 00	
Refund, Town of Whitman	275 00	
Refund, Woodman Case	125 20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 427 20

Sundries

Almhouse Receipts	\$204 56	
County of Plymouth, Land Damages	22 00	
Sale of Fish Rights	4 50	
Snow Refund	3 00	

F. A. Fenger, Fire Refund	12 00
Refund, Langdon Fire	3 00
Bequest to Ridge Hill Library	
u-w Annabel Wakefield	100 00
Bequest to Town for Worthy Poor	
u-w Annabel Wakefield	1 000 00
Town of Hanover, Town Line	
Markers	20 17
Fund for Perpetual care,	
W. W. Farrar Lot	150 00
Fund for Perpetual Care.	
Chester Baker Lot	100 00
Fefund from Sealer of Weights	
and Measures	30 35
Return of Library Appropriation and	
Fines, Ridge Hill Library	75 88
Account of Sarah T. Stoddard,	
Deceased	17 01
Highway Refund, Percival Power ..	14 00
County of Plymouth acct. Bridge St.	12 50
Sale of Arsenate of Lead	63 72
Second District Court Fees	411 50
County of Plymouth acc. Pond St. ..	277 23
Check to J. Morrow (not used)	1 00
	<hr/> \$ 2 522 42
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Total	\$166 513 16

EXPENDITURES

Highways	
General Account, State and Town	\$14 440 32
Special Construction	2 047 20
Removing Snow	2 491 85
Repairs to State Highway	427 60
Almshouse	2 395 42
Outside Poor	2 509 62

State Aid	450 00
Soldiers' Relief	160 00
Schools	28 568 81
School Physician	100 00
School Nurse	1 300 00
Transportation of Nurse	350 00
Town Officers	2 971 75
Board of Health	1 752 96
Inspection of Animals	58 50
Sealer of Weights and Measures .	126 04
County Tax	4 014 33
State Tax	3 240 00
Abatement of Town Taxes	509 25
Fire Account	1 457 61
Fire Equipment	1 858 98
Incidentals	2 768 26
Electric Lights	551 70
Gypsy Moth	2 026 61
Mowing Bushes	514 00
Squares and Triangles	179 65
Tree Warden	43 00
Post 112 G. A. R.	250 00
James Library	200 00
Ridge Hill Library	127 85
Aid to Agriculture	125 00
Town Hall	101 65
Washington Street Cemetery	75 55
Upkeep of Sawyer Lot	8 00
Legion Rental	75 00
Order of Second District Court ..	75
Auditing Town Accounts	336 58
Sara V. Hatch, Adjustment	18 00
County Hospital	569 14
Deposit in South Scituate Savings Bank	
Wakefield Fund for Ridge Hill	
Library	100 00

Deposit in South Scituate Savings Bank	
Wakefield Fund for Worthy Poor	1 000 00
Town of Marshfield, Union	
Bridge Repairs	745 30
J. M. Hackett, Tractor	
Appropriation	2 700 00
Sign Boards	9 50
Special Snow Appropriation	300 00
E. P. Joseph, Special Grading	
Appropriation	1 000 00
Department of Forestry	27 25
Deposits South Scituate Savings	
Bank for Perpetual care of	
Washington St. Cemetery Lots	285 00
Loans and Interest Paid	
Anticipation Note 95	\$10 000 00
Anticipation Note 96	10 000 00
Anticipation Note 97	20 000 00
Anticipation Note 98	20 000 00
Anticipation Note 99	10 000 00
Plymouth County Hospital Note .	500 00
Central Street Note	1 000 00
School Bond No. 45	2 000 00
Discount on Anticipation Notes	
Note 97	645 83
Note 98	706 24
Note 99	302 10
Note 100	174 42
Cost of Certifying Notes	8 00
Interest Paid	
School Bonds	1 360 00
Central Street	86 89
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Total disbursements	\$162 151 51
Cash on Hand to Balance	
General Funds	3 980 69

School Building Fund	361 65	
Income Sawyer Lot Fund	19 31	
	<hr/>	\$ 4 361 65
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		\$166 513 16

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. ROBBINS,

Treasurer

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT DECEMBER 31, 1927

Amount	Notes	Number	Rate	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity
\$ 500 00	Plymouth County Hospital	28	5.75	June 1, 1921	June 1, 1928
30 000 00	Central School Building	46	60 4 25	July 15, 1922	July 15, 1928-42
20 000 00	Anticipation of Revenue	100	3.45	November 20, '27	February 20, 1928

\$50 500 00

Respectfully submitted,
 HERBERT E. ROBBINS,
 Treasurer

Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture

LOUIS H. OGDEN, NORWELL DIRECTOR

Following is a report of work done in your town by the agents of the Plymouth County Extension Service (Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture) during the year 1927. This is not a full report of extension activities by which our town may have benefitted because many of our meetings are sectional and advertised throughout the whole county, or a portion of it.

For example, our many Bridgewater meetings were for county-wide benefit and they were well attended.

Many personal letters that have to do with all sorts of agricultural subjects are received at the office of the Extension Service from every town in the course of the year and the information sought is given to the best of their ability, with the most authoritative sources continually at our service.

A great many circular letters are sent out each year to our lists of county farmers and homemakers and boys and girls giving timely information and advice as to how to overcome suddenly arising adverse conditions.

Notices of meetings at which important information is given without charge by experts are also sent to these mailing lists.

We are constantly receiving visitors at our office from every part of the county seeking advice or knowledge on all sorts of subjects.

The "Plymouth County Farmer" a monthly bulletin published by the Plymouth County Extension Service is sent to a small subscription list, but the major part of the thousand copies sent out monthly is sent without charge to men and women whom we know will benefit by the information it contains. Not only do we find appreciation of the "Farmer" within the county but we have several paid-up subscribers outside the county,—one New Hampshire farmer is a regular subscriber.

*Report of work done in Norwell during year 1927 by the
Plymouth County Extension Service
(Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture)*

Agriculture

Visits were made by the county agent to poultrymen, orchardists, and foresters.

Poultry work consisted of helping in disease control, culling, to choose the best birds for breeding purposes and to discard the non-producers.

Orchard work included advice in pruning, spraying, and thinning, to eliminate diseases and insect pests and to grow the best and most valuable fruit.

Forestry work included the giving of advice by which a few simple operations might add many dollars to the value of a pine stand. A great deal of work in forestry has been planned for the coming year. We have as assistants in this work Mr. R. B. Parmenter, state forestry specialist, and E. M. Bröckway, white pine blister rust agent for this

section. A series of letters describing briefly the essential phases of forestry are being sent to Norwell pine owners. They have already received the first. Within a week many more personal visits will be made by the county agent, Mr. Parmenter and Mr. Brockway with the Norwell forestry committee to owners in their pine lots.

Report of the Home Section

Our 1927 records show that 500 Plymouth County women enrolled in home-making projects during the year and that 950 more received information concerning home problems. District meetings were held and thirty-four local groups were formed to study food selection, canning, garment making, millinery, kitchen improvement, or house furnishing. Twenty-one of our county towns were represented directly in the program. Four others participated in the district meetings.

Norwell participated in the district meetings held in neighboring towns, especially the food preservation meeting in Marshfield and that in clothing selection held in Hanover. Norwell's program for the current year includes group study in food selection and in millinery.

Report of Club Work

Norwell boys and girls took advantage of the opportunities for instruction offered by the Plymouth County Extension Service by forming a garden, a canning, and a forestry club. These clubs are part of the national 4-H club organization.

Garden club members received information from the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the extension service and used that information in caring for their gardens at home.

Girls in the canning club did similarly, canning vegetables and fruits by the methods approved by the college.

A novel and successful forestry club is being carried on in the high school. Mr. Fred B. Cochran, the local leader, organized the club with 37 members. A series of lectures are being given by the state extension forester and the local county blister rust agent. The county club agent had arranged to have an exhibit of woods collected and an identification contest at the end of the season. This course gives the boys and girls a good idea of the value of forests. It will be concluded by a tree planting demonstration in which all the members will take part.

As an incentive to our boys and girls to join this club movement and avail themselves of the splendid opportunities offered by this service of our County Bureau and the Federal Government, Mr. Wm. J. Leonard offers five prizes of five dollars each, for the most successful results in the different departments of club work, to be awarded under the direction of the County and Local Agents.

Visiting Nurse Association

Norwell is particularly in need of the services of a Nursing Association having no practising physician resident in the community nor dentist with an office in the town. The town is too healthy for the Nursing Association to make any money; but as making money is not its purpose that is alright. But it does affect our income. In 1925 our receipts from nursing visits were \$366.00, in 1926 \$296.00, and this year \$192.00.

Our membership consists of not over 221 out of a town population of 1300. Our dues are 25c and we received \$55.25, but as some friends and believers in the Association gave more than the minimum of 25c our membership is actually under 200.

We are sorry for this and to make the Association's work better known to the other 1100 townspeople we make this report.

The Chevrolet coach was bought and paid for by the Association on April 16th and has been driven 11,353 miles to the writing of this report (Feb. 4th), including an idle month while the nurse took her vacation. That is an average of almost 50 miles every working day. The Association pays all running expenses of the car, registration and fire and liability insurance (the town contributes towards this expense, varying sums from year to year.)

The nurse makes her bedside visits in the morning, and

her school visits in the afternoon, but is always ready to make visits at any time in cases of emergency. Night calls are only answered in cases of emergency and at the personal request of the attending physician and when proper escort is furnished. The nurse is not on duty on Sunday.

Townpeople calling the nurse are required to pay 50c per visit except in cases of actual destitution and inability to pay (45 free visits were made this year.)

Just to have a trained nurse on call, as ours is, would alone justify the existence of the Association but the work, so far outlined, is the least important part of the work the Association is trying to do.

The real work of the Nursing Association is educational, to teach parents how to feed and care for their children.

With no dentist in town it is only natural that children's teeth are neglected. It takes much planning and time to take children 5 or 6 miles to a dentist and it isn't done. That is why the Association, with the generous subscriptions of private citizens and other local associations, hired a dentist for \$400. to spend one whole day each week for 20 weeks at our central school, conducting a dental clinic.

Working with the School Committee we were fortunate to obtain the services of Dr. Willis B. Parsons who has done a fine job. He has inspected the teeth of every school child (as required by law,) cleaned the teeth and filled existing cavities for as many more as time permitted. About 100 have had all necessary work completed. The work done on each child would probably average several dollars at regular dentists' rates, but under the plan of the clinic there is a merely nominal charge of 50c per visit, whether it be half an hour, an hour or more. This charge is made small on purpose so that it will be within the reach of every

one and will not be a cause for the refusal of any parents to have their children's teeth given necessary care. It is felt that the fees, together with the amount asked for in an article in the warrant will be sufficient to pay all expenses of a dentist for a year. We believe this is a very valuable work in bettering the physical well being of our most valuable crop, the children, and we hope the town will vote for the article in the warrant to take over this clinic which has been given free for the last six months.

We conducted a medical clinic to which all parents were urged to bring the children of pre-school age; the children who were to go to school for the first time in the fall. In this clinic doctors and nurses examined each child and made suggestions to the parents of what might need to be corrected or attended to before school opened, with the result that our new pupils were in better condition to begin the school year than they might otherwise have been; and with the result also, that we believe many parents have been helped in the intelligent care and feeding of their children.

Under nourishment is a big problem. It does not mean that parents are not giving the children enough to eat, but that from the results obtained it is apparent, to the trained student, that the kind of food is not sufficiently nourishing the children to enable them to make the proper growth in height and weight.

As we grow older, I think we all recognize that our own training in the raising of a family is, after all, rather limited and sometimes obtained at the expense of the children's health, and naturally so, for we are obliged to learn by experience, which has been described as a costly teacher.

Our trained nurse can supply much of that experience that we lack and if we will recognize that fact and take her advice, in the spirit in which it is given, solely for the good

of the child, I am sure that the added color in the cheeks and the added vigor and health of our children will make us realize that the Nursing Association has a very personal value for each of us.

During the year our President, Mrs. Leonore Cronin, resigned much to our regret, and the Executive Committee have been able to persuade Mrs. Edna Prouty to take up the office.

In conclusion may we add that the Association is incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth, under the care of the Department of Public Welfare, to whom we make a detailed annual report, both of activities and finances.

JAMES H. BARNARD,
Treasurer

NURSE'S REPORT

January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927

Number of patients cared for	58
Number of Nursing visits	287
Number of free Nursing visits	45
Number of Infant Welfare visits	128
Number of Prenatal visits	35
Number of Tuberculosis visits	47
Number of visits to children of pre-school age	60
Number of visits to Schools	339
Number of visits to homes of school children	240
Number of visits to clinics	60
Number of friendly visits	164
*Number of other visits	211

* These visits include:

Visits made for Board of Health.

Visits made for Selectmen.

Visits made to give information.
 Visits made to carry supplies.
 Follow up work for hospitals and clinics.
 Conferences attended.

Total number of visits 1616

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE A. ROE

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Nurse's Salary	\$ 99 96
Postage, et c.....	3 25
Supplies	14 23
Dentist:	
Parsons	\$ 7 60
Eldridge	37 50
	————— 45 10
Auto Insurance and Registration	35 42
Auto expense	268 68
Mass. Directors of Public Health	
Nursing Association	2 00
Barge hire for annual meeting	3 00
Relief	10 00
New Automobile	530 50
	—————\$ 1 012 14

CASH RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	\$ 55 25
Donations	76 18
Nursing fees	165 00
Bank Interest	9 60
Transportation	
Members	\$ 1 20

Town	350 00	
	<hr/>	351 20
Sale of Tuberculosis stamps	50 00	
Donations, a-c Clinic	155 25	
Childrens' fees, a-c Clinic	27 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 889 48
Income	\$	889 48
Cash on hand January 1, 1927		475 66
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		\$ 1 365 14
Expenses	\$	1 012 14
Cash on hand December 31, 1927		353 00
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		\$ 1 365 14

JAMES H. BARNARD

Treasurer

Auditor's Report

I have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, School Committee, Tax Collector, Town Treasurer and find them all correct with vouchers for all amounts paid.

G. FRANCIS KNOWLTON

Auditor

Budget for 1928

The following Budget has been approved by the Advisory Board. It entails an approximate tax rate of \$31.50. Each additional \$1,000.00 raised will add 60 cents to the rate.

	Appropriated 1927	Recommended 1928
Dept. of Public Welfare	\$ 2 000	\$ 2 100
Infirmary	2 500	2 100
Schools	28 820	*30 500
Highways, Joint Account.		
**State and Town		
Article 4	4 700	4 700
General Purposes	5 000	6 000
Stetson Road Article 5		500
Sign Board	25	25
Snow Removal	2 500	1 500
Tractor & Plow	3 000	
Notes	3 500	2 500
Interest	3 250	3 125
State and County Taxes	7 750	8 000
Town Officers	3 300	3 100
Incidentals	1 500	1 800
School and District Nurse	1 300	1 300
Transportation of Nurse	350	200
Dental Clinic, Article 15		700
County Hospital Maintenance	590	632
State Aid	600	600
Board of Health	500	1 000
Electric Lights	550	551

Insurance, Central School		
and Infirmary		1 164
Revenue Deficit, '27		1 214
Tree Warden	75	75
Spraying Elms	200	200
Mowing Bushes	500	700
Squares and Triangles	200	250
Gypsy Moth	810 99	810 99
Fire Department	1 000	1 500
Fire Dept. Equipment	1 600	1 000
James Library	200	200
Ridge Hill Library	50	75
Soldiers' Relief	250	500
School Physician	100	100
Memorial Day	250	250
Sealing Weights and		
Measures	100	100
Inspection of Animals	60	60
Washington Street Cemetery	75	150
Town Hall	200	200
Plymouth County Aid		
To Agriculture Article 16	125	125
Legion Rental	75	
Grading Playground	132	
Bonus Refund, Grading		
Playground	868 14	
Reserve Fund	500	500
Town Forest Article 6	250	200
Totals	\$79 356 13	\$80 306 99

**To be expended under the joint direction of a State engineer and the selectmen which insures a grant from the State of \$4,700. for additional highway work.

* State Credits and dog tax reduce this by \$8,000. to \$22,500.

Transcript of Articles in Warrant

MONDAY, MARCH 5th AT 7.30 P. M.

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several boards of officers and committees of the town and act thereon.

Article 3. To make necessary appropriations to defray the expenses of the town, and for other purposes and to raise such sums of money as the town shall deem expedient for the following purposes:

Dept. of Public Welfare, Infirmary, Support of Schools, Highways, Sign Boards, Removing Snow, Notes, Interest, State and County Taxes, Town Officers, Incidentals, School and District Nurse, Transportation of Nurse, Dental Clinic County Hospital, State Aid, Board of Health, Electric Lights, Insurance, Revenue Deficit, Tree Warden, Spraying Elms, Mowing Bushes, Squares and Triangles, Gypsy Moth, Fire Department, and equipment, James Library, Ridge Hill Library, Soldiers' Relief, School Physician, Memorial Day, Sealing Weights and Measures, Inspection of Animals, Washington Street Cemetery, Town Hall, Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture, Reserve Fund, Town Forest.

Article 4. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of forty-seven hundred dollars to be expended on highways

under the provisions of Section 26 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended.

(Approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 5. Will the Town appropriate Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars for improving Stetson Road, starting at River Street, opposite the Methodist Church and continuing as far as the appropriation will permit. The improvement to include preparing the road for, and applying two applications of Tarvia B.

Request of Wm. W. Dinsmoor.

(Approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 6. Will the town appropriate \$250 for forestry purposes to be expended under the direction of the forestry committee?

Article 7. Will the town vote to place Gaffield Park under the direction and care of the forestry committee?

Article 8. Will the town vote to place the wood land in the rear of the Central School grounds, under the direction and care of the forestry committee?

Article 9. Will the town vote to place the woodland back of the Washington Street Cemetery, owned by the town under the direction of the forestry committee?

Article 10. Will the town act with the town of Hanover to maintain electric lights at the junction of River Street, Norwell, and Broadway, Hanover, and at Assinippi.

Article 11. Will the town vote to install an electric light on High street, near Memorial Hall?

(Request of W. R. C.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 12. Will the town vote to install an electric light on Main street, near Chas. A. Berry's?

(Request of Mr. Chas. A. Berry.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 13. Will the town vote to install an electric light at the junction of Winter and Cross Streets?

(Request of Mr. Amos H. Tilden.)

(Not approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 14. Will the town vote to appropriate the unexpended balance of the School Building appropriation, \$361.65 for the installation of a Sewage disposal system?

(Request of School Committee.)

(Approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 15. Will the town vote to appropriate \$700 to conduct a Dental Clinic for the Schools under Chapter 111, Section 50 of the General Laws?

(Request of Mrs. Emeline B. Barnard.)

(Approved by Advisory Board.)

Article 16. Will the town vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture a sum not exceeding \$150 and choose

a town director as provided in Sections 41 and 45 of Revised Chapter 128 of the General Laws and act thereon?

Article 17. To make allowances to town creditors.

Article 18. Will the town vote to instruct the Selectmen to take up the subject of toll rate reduction on telephone service for the inhabitants of the Town of Norwell?

(Request of Mr. Wm. J. Leonard.)

Article 19. Will the town give any instructions to town officers?

Article 20. Will the town authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1929, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1929 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year, beginning January 1, 1929.

Article 21. What salary and compensation will the town vote to pay all its elected officers. To conform with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws.

Article 22. Shall sections One to Nine, inclusive, of Chapter Forty-Five of the General Laws, authorizing cities and towns to lay out public parks within their limits, be accepted? (By request.)

Article 23. Will the town appropriate \$700 to install a sewerage disposal system at the Central School.

Article 24. Will the town appropriate \$750 to purchase a chassis for the town sprayer.

Article 25. Will the town appropriate \$100 for spraying tent caterpillars.

Article 26. Will the town authorize and empower the forest committee to purchase of the Lot Phillips Co. Corp., a parcel of land containing 36 acres lying between Circuit and River Streets, to be used as a town forest and appropriate \$500 for that purpose.

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH, 6 TO 11 A. M.

Article 27. To bring in their votes for a Town Clerk, for one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, and one member of the Board of Public Welfare, for three years; a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, a Surveyor of Highways, five Constables and a Tree Warden for one year; one member of the school committee for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one Trustee for the Ridge Hill Library for three years.

School Directory

School Committee

BENJAMIN LORING, Chairman
MRS. GRACE B. V. DINSMOOR
MRS. NELLIE L. SPARRELL, Secretary and Treasurer

Superintendent of Schools

LEON M. FARRIN

School Physician

WILLIAM P. GROVESTEN, M. D.

School Nurse

CATHERINE A. ROE, R. N.

School Dentist

WILLIS B. PARSONS, D. M. D.

Attendance Officers

JOHN T. OSBORN

CATHERINE A. ROE

Janitors

RICHARD WHITING
GEORGE H. TURNER
MARY A. BRUCE

1928 CALENDAR FOR NORWELL SCHOOLS

Schools open January 3, 1928.

Schools close February 17, seven weeks.

Schools open February 27.

Schools close April 13, seven weeks.

Schools open April 23.

Schools, except High School, close June 15, eight weeks.

High School closes June 22, nine weeks.

Schools open September 5.

Schools close December 21, sixteen weeks.

Length of school year— thirty-eight weeks for grades,
thirty-nine weeks for high school.

Schools open January 2, 1929.

HOLIDAYS

May 30, October 12, Thanksgiving and the day following.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

Children who become five years of age on July first may enter school the following September. The only exception to this rule is that under-age children may be admitted to school on the basis of intelligence tests.

No child under seven years of age will be admitted to school for the first time after October first of any year.

A child entering school for the first time is required to present to the teacher a birth certificate and a vaccination or exemption from vaccination certificate.

School Committee

To the Citizens of Norwell:

It is with a deep sense of satisfaction that your committee report the completion of the grading of the Central School grounds. Driveways have been laid out, a small parking space provided between the brook and the drive on the easterly side and unlimited parking space in the rear of the building. May we again ask your cooperation in keeping the driveways clear at all times by using these parking spaces both for the safety of the children at dismissal of school and the convenience of your fellow citizens at social functions. It is impossible for the four school busses to collect their loads with safety when cars are parked in the drive.

For the school year ending June 1927 a teacher was engaged who taught music and physical training throughout the Central building, giving the remainder of her time to other High school work. She also had supervision of the work in the other buildings but this did not meet with the success anticipated. Without increasing the amount of money spent, we are this year teaching music and drawing to every pupil and physical training to the entire Central School enrollment. Mrs. Rector Stetson is doing very fine work in music, Miss Christine Drisko a senior at Normal Art School is devoting one day a week in teaching drawing and Miss Elizabeth Morris a senior at Posse Normal is teaching physical training to all in the Central building.

The results obtained are very satisfactory and the expense is not prohibitive.

The health work in our schools is meeting with increased success. The cooperation of the parent in practically every instance is very gratifying. Stress has been laid on the case of the underweight child in an attempt to bring him up to normal. Miss Roe reports very steady improvement in most cases, which proves the worth of the experiment.

A change in the method of conducting the dental clinic has resulted in a very much higher percentage of pupils completing the necessary work. The price charged is now easily within the reach of all and we look for 100% mouths in a few years.

A change has been made in one of the transportation routes. It was necessary to have Mr. Williamson's bus go the entire length of Cross Street to Main, to accommodate some ten pupils on the route, who had previously walked various distances and waited for the bus at unprotected places.

The increased enrollment at Ridge Hill made an assistant necessary. Miss Alice Blossom a graduate of Norwell High School 1927 was engaged for this work which she is doing in admirable fashion.

It will be necessary to raise the salary of some of our High School teachers to retain them. Everyone realized it is better to do this than hire inexperienced teachers next September. It is not fair however to have the salary increase apply only to the High school, for our grade teachers have given us many years of faithful service. It is therefore planned to give our experienced teacher a slight raise

with the realization that it should be more. We will even then be \$100 below most of our surrounding towns for like service.

Equipment and furniture for the chemical laboratory is very necessary as chemistry is to be taught this next year. It is proposed to purchase a laboratory table with proper equipment and lecture chairs, since the room must also be used as a recitation room.

After five years service our sewer system has become inadequate. Several remedies have been suggested and it has been decided to install a septic tank of sufficient size to care for the future needs of the school.

These necessary expenditures are in addition to the regular running expenses but we trust you will agree with us that they are necessary to keep up the standard of our schools. It is only with this aim in view that we give of our time and energy.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE L. SPARRELL, Sec.
GRACE DINSMOOR,
BENJAMIN LORING

School Superintendent

To the School Committee of the Town of Norwell:

I submit with pleasure my fourth annual report as superintendent of schools of the Town of Norwell.

SCHOOL SAVINGS

Great interest has been exhibited by the teachers and pupils in the school savings system introduced this fall in the schools of Norwell through the co-operation of the South Scituate Savings Bank.

Following is a report of what has been accomplished since the inauguration of the system.

Total amount deposited October 4 to December

31, 1927	\$657 60
Average monthly deposits	219 20
Average weekly deposits	54 80
Average number of weekly depositors	165
Average per cent of pupils depositing each week	62%

DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN

Our pupils are comfortably distributed with slightly crowded conditions in but two spots. The distribution of children in the classrooms of the town is not a problem such as many towns have to contend with. The situation

in the high school remains comfortable. In the grammar department, the only crowded spot is the former library room occupied by the eighth grade.

At the Center Primary School, the number of pupils entering the first grade being much smaller than the preceding year, both rooms have reasonable numbers. The primary room at Ridge Hill, which had 21 pupils two years ago, has at the present time 46 pupils.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Our high and grammar building is much improved by the attention given the grounds. Norwell has a central school building which compares more than favorably with the average in the small town.

To thoroughly modernize the school plant, attention should be given to the Center Primary and Ridge Hill Schools. To avoid too much expense at one time, a single improvement might be made in a building each year. We owe suitable facilities to our smaller children as well as to our older boys and girls.

THE TEACHING STAFF

Two changes in the high school faculty occurred during the past year. Mr. Edwin Phillips, principal, who had served faithfully and efficiently for two years, resigned to accept a position in Florida. After interviewing a large number of candidates, the School Committee elected as principal to succeed Mr. Phillips, Mr. Willis B. Gifford of West Tisbury, Massachusetts. Mr. Gifford is a graduate of Rhode Island State College and has also studied at Brown University. He has taught at Thompson, Connecticut; Edgartown, Massachusetts; and Turners Falls,, Mas-

sachusetts. Mr. Hollis E. Clow resigned to enter Yale Medical School. His place was filled by the election of Mr. Irving C. Keene of North Weymouth. Mr. Keene is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont.

In the grammar school, Miss Florence M. Mortimer resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Watertown. Miss Josephine L. Hatch of Rockland, a graduate of the Lesley Normal School, was elected to fill the vacancy. The large number of pupils at the Ridge Hill School necessitated the employment of an assistant. To fill this post, Miss Alice L. Blossom, of Norwell, a graduate of Norwell High School, was appointed.

Miss Dorothy M. Kanrich, supervisor of music and physical training, resigned to take up other studies. The need of supervision in drawing being felt strongly, and because of the obvious impossibility of acquiring a full time teacher capable of giving adequate instruction in music, physical training, and drawing, the School Committee appointed separate supervisors for these subjects. Mrs. Pansy E. Stetson of Hanover Center, whose training was acquired at the New England Conservatory of Music, and who has had long and successful experience in near-by towns, was appointed as supervisor of music. Miss Christine J. Drisko of Lubec, Maine, a senior at the Massachusetts School of Art, was appointed supervisor of drawing. Miss Drisko is also a graduate of the Washington (Maine) State Normal School and has taught at Lubec and Cutler, Maine. Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Wollaston, a senior in the three year course at the Posse-Nissen School was appointed supervisor of physical training.

I feel very much gratified with the composition of the teaching staff. We have a well-trained, efficient, and capable staff of teachers in Norwell. The teachers are ever

eager to co-operate in any undertaking promising the advancement of the school system.

ENROLMENT

The enrolment figures remain substantially the same as those of last year.

The enrolment in detail as of October 1, 1927 as is follows:

Norwell High School		60
Seniors	13	
Juniors	10	
Sophomores	20	
Freshmen	17	
Norwell Grammar School		111
Grade VIII	33	
Grade VII	18	
Grade VI	22	
Grade V	29	
Grade IV	9	
Norwell Center Primary School		59
Grade IV	12	
Grade III	13	
Grade II	20	
Grade I	14	
Ridge Hill School		46
Grade III	15	
Grade II	14	
Grade I	17	
Total		276

NORWELL AGE AND GRADE DATA AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1927

BOYS

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Grade																
I	5	7	1													13
II		9	8	1												18
III			4	3	3	1										11
IV					4	4	3	1								12
V					3	8		3	1		1					16
VI						5	6	1								12
VII						2	1	4		1	1					9
VIII								4	9	7		1				21
IX								1	4	3	2					10
X										3	4	3				10
XI													3	1	1	5
XII														1	1	2
Total	5	16	13	4	10	20	10	14	14	14	11	6	2			139

NORWELL AGE AND GRADE DATA AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1927

GIRLS

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Grade																
I	9	7	1				1									18
II		8	6	1				1								16
III			8	8	1											17
IV				3	4	2										9
V					3	8	1	1								13
VI						2	6	2								10
VII						3	1	1	2							9
VIII								4	7	1						12
IX									3	3	1					7
X									2	3	3	1			1	10
XI										1	2	1	1			5
XII												7	1	2	1	11
Total	9	15	15	12	8	15	9	9	14	8	8	9	2	2	2	137

HIGH SCHOOL

The work of the high school has continued with the usual efficiency. Our new principal has demonstrated marked ability in administration. The faculty has continued to function ably.

The Norwell High School is rated as a Class A High School accredited by the State Department of Education and the New England College Entrance Certificate Board.

The extra-curricular activities have been carried on effectively as in the past few years.

I should like to see instruction in domestic science and manual arts included in the high school curriculum.

An improved high school reference library is needed, as the state supervisor of high schools has stated.

The school lunch has been operated capably this year as in past recent years.

New desks and chairs have been provided in the commercial room, leaving only the laboratory in need of suitable furniture. Modern laboratory tables are needed badly. Slate blackboards have been purchased for two of the rooms so that now all of the rooms will be equipped with slate boards.

A more detailed report of the needs and accomplishments of the high school is given by Principal Willis B. Gifford in his report.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

During the past year, the work of the elementary schools

has been carried on with the usual efficiency, perhaps even a little more so. All teachers have carefully constructed programs, follow a uniform course of study, and keep plan books which give attention to the aim and procedure of the lessons taught. Uniformity in the text books used in the town is a matter of importance which is receiving attention.

Additional supplementary reading material is a general need. A table in each room containing books for "browsing" would be a desirable asset.

Instruction in physical education and in manual training in the grades are needs which I hope the town will feel financially able to afford to fulfill at some future time.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

Meetings of the teachers of the superintendency union consisting of Hanover, Hanson, and Norwell have been held regularly during the year. One feature of the meetings this year has been the issuance of a set of Superintendent's Bulletins to Teachers, the object of the bulletins being to assist in the supervision and administration of the schools by providing the teachers of the district with a complete and permanent memorandum of the details connected therewith. Professional reading is required of all teachers.

The Hanover-Hanson-Norwell Teacher's Club, affiliated with the State Federation of Teachers' Clubs, has been carried on successfully, during the year. A substantial contribution was made to the teachers' home, Riverbank Lodge, in Sherbon. On the social side, a Christmas party attended by the teachers of the three towns was held in December at which thirty-eight were present.

ALL NEW ENGLAND ARITHMETIC CONTEST

The pupils in grades three to seven have participated in the State Wide Arithmetic Contests arranged and carried through by the School of Education of Boston University.

The results obtained have been satisfactory, the scores attained by the pupils of Norwell comparing favorably with those of other towns and cities in the state.

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

As usual, in accordance with state law, the pupils of Norwell were given sight and hearing tests early in the school year and the results reported to the superintendent of schools.

The combined reports of the teachers for the past two years follows:

	1926	1927
Number of pupils examined	282	277
Number found defective in eyesight	34	30
Number found defective in hearing	3	7
Number of parents or guardians notified	34	34

STATE CLINIC

The annual examination of mentally retarded children was held as required by state law. Eight Norwell children were recommended for examination last year. Reports from this examination received this year showed seven of these to be three or more years mentally retarded. The state law requires a special class if there are ten or more such children.

This year five children were recommended for examina-

tion. Examination was made of one of these who had not been examined last year by the state clinic. The others were not re-examined. Reports have not yet been received giving the results of this year's examination.

LOCAL COST OF SCHOOL OPERATION

I should like to emphasize again the difference between the amount of money expended for schools and the net local cost to the town for schools. A considerable amount of money is received which reduces the cost of operating the schools to the town.

The town received reimbursiments this past year as follows:

Part I General School Fund	\$1 900 00
Part 11 General School Fund	3 478 20
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	692 37
High School Grant	1 142 85
Tuition of State Wards	554 67
Tuition of City of Boston Wards	73 56
County of Plymouth, 1926 Dog License Refund	446 43
Town of Rockland, Tuition	82 50
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Total Receipts on Account of Schools	\$8 370 58

It may be seen then that the net cost of school operation to Norwell is over eight thousand dollars less than the amount expended for schools.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The following figures taken from the annual report of the State Department of Education for the school year ending June 30, 1927 for the Town of Norwell are again included for what general interest they may contain.

Populations, State Census, 1925	1 466
Valuation as of April 1, 1926	\$1 740 975 00
Average number of days school were in session	176
Expenditure for school support from local taxation per \$1000 valuation	11 32
Expenditure for support of schools from all sources per pupil in net average membership	103 69
Expenditure for support of schools from local taxation per pupil in net average membership	\$76 65

THE OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION

Seven objectives of education have come to be universally recognized. They are:

1. Health.
2. Command of Fundamental Processes.
3. Training in Citizenship.
4. Vocational Guidance.
5. Worthy Home Membership.
6. Worthy Use of Leisure.
7. Ethical Character.

We are striving in Norwell as our resources and opportunities permit to come nearer to a realization of these objectives, ever bearing in mind that the study of books should not be our sole consideration.

THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD

The school department recognizes the child as the center of the school system, the object of instruction for which teachers, buildings, text books, and all the rest exist. It is our intent to make the services of the school fit more exactly the needs of the individual child. One big handicap in

attaining this end is the size of the recitation groups. A teacher who has forty pupils to instruct has scarcely time for much individual instruction.

"The old education assumed a standard type of childhood and provided but one pathway for its development. Modern education recognizes an infinite variety of childhood and offers many pathways, so that each may find a road suitable for its progress."

CONCLUSION

In bringing to a close this report, I wish to express again my appreciation of the support and guidance given me by the School Committee, the loyalty and service of the teachers, and the co-operation of parents and pupils evidenced in so many ways during the year ended.

I recommend to your careful consideration the reports of the other school officers which follow.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON M. FARRIN,

Superintendent of Schools

High School Principal

Mr. Leon M. Farrin, Superintendent of Schools:

My report as Principal of the Norwell High School must be rather general since my connection with that school has been of brief duration, merely four months. Furthermore, I cannot but feel that a report to either the Superintendent or the School Committee is a bit superfluous since each has been exceptionally attentive and has kept well posted in school matters through frequent visits and consultations.

To date sixty pupils have been enrolled though our present enrollment is but fifty-six. Each of the four withdrawals has been due to a change of residence. In other words, no one has found this school so non-beneficial that he has left. I will take this opportunity, however, to predict the not far distant withdrawal of two or three, who, from some cause or another, are not adapted to fulfill successfully those requirements which should be met if a pupil is to be a desirable member of this organization. In this school a pupil is earnestly and sincerely influenced to stay just SO long as it is believed he will be better off here than elsewhere and just so long as he gets from this school enough benefit to offset the benefits which he, because of one or another individual idiosyncrasy, may keep others from receiving. If, however, he proves himself a nuisance, a drone, or otherwise a social burden who does not care to or can not be influenced to adapt himself to the conditions and to the mode of the majority he should and will be advised to occupy a space less

valuable, socially and financially. Last year it cost \$183.00 per pupil to maintain this high school. By no means can we measure success in education or in learning by dollars and cents, but occasionally we can say to a pupil, "Your benefits from school DO or DO NOT warrant your remaining enrolled as a pupil in this school." Since I believe that the greatest good for the greatest number should be realized, I deem it unfair to the tax payers, to worthy pupils, to teachers, and even to the pupil himself to allow any pupil to remain in school if by so doing the efficiency of this school to the community is lessened.

What is the function of this school in the community? In other words what is our goal, if any? Though no goal has been designated at which I should focus all effort I sincerely feel that that goal at which I am trying to steer this ship with its valuable cargo of young humanity is the ultimate port of Good Citizenship beyond which and incidental to which may lie College Preparation, Business Training, or other forms of specialized education. It has been said that civilization is a race between education and catastrophe. The well known Dr. Bobbitt says, "The business of education today is to teach the growing individuals, so far as their original natures will permit, to perform efficiently those activities which constitute the latest and highest level of civilization." Years ago John Ruskin wrote, "Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. It is not teaching the youth the shapes of the letters and tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their literature to lust. It means, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continence of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, but above all—by example."

What has Norwell High School to offer in the way of this training for good citizenship? First, allow me to say that it has four conscientious teachers who give generously of their time in any worthy field where there is the slightest amount of student interest. The three assistant teachers teach six full successive periods five days a week and reserve a seventh period daily for some special outside activity, with an occasional additional period after school for still other extra-curriculum activities which will help to develop the well rounded, versatile, independent, alert American citizen.

Three distinct courses are offered. Each is designed for specific training though this is subordinated when necessary to emphasize that higher training already mentioned. The College Preparatory course offers the opportunity to prepare for practically any college in the country. The General course is designed chiefly for those who desire a more or less practical background for the duties coming to them after graduation. It does not aim to prepare for college, though, with a careful selection of subjects one might use it for such. The Commercial course, at present enrolling the majority of the students, offers specific training in commercial work and office practice. In this the student receives training in business arithmetic, operations and methods, along with practical experience in bookkeeping and banking. These courses overlap in places and yet are distinctly separate in that each has certain definite required courses of study. Extra-curriculum activities deserve and receive a definite place. A. A. Douglass says, "Such activities are now regarded as truly educative. In fact the position is often maintained that they contribute just as effectively if not more effectively towards the realization of the aims of secondary education than do the regular studies." Of these activities Norwell High School has a generous assortment which offers everyone an opportunity to receive training as varied as the pupils themselves. These activities along with the several courses will be discussed individually.

The College Preparatory Course offers ample preparations to the extent of the standard requirement of four years of English and one year of American History, four years of Latin, three of French, three of Science, and three of Mathematics in addition to various electives including other courses in History, Drawing, and several commercial subjects such as shorthand and type writing which are of advantage to any college student. (These latter studies are taken in this course merely as electives and may not be substituted for credit in replacing required courses. Some ambitious students take an extra course each year though this is rarely recommended and seldom allowed.) The students who compose this group in the class of 1928 give excellent promise of being successful in continuing their studies in higher institutions of learning next year. I await with confidence the reports of their progress and success.

The General Course, rarely elected, allows a liberal choice of electives, which, however, must be chosen after consultation with and advise from a teacher. This course is of value to those who appear to give little promise of completing four years of work. With this elasticity such as a pupil may be given work which will more nearly fit his particular mental makeup than will any non-flexible course designed for a group.

Our Commercial Course I consider second to none considering the size of the school. Our instructor is not the typical commercial teacher but one who has received college training in addition to education in her specialties at other schools. This college training gives her a far broader view point in addition to making her certified to teach certain courses in English and Mathematics, truly a valuable asset in any commercial teacher. The department is well equipped with apparatus though no extravagance has been shown. Care has been taken to have three leading standard makes

of typewriters that students may receive training which will prepare them for practically any modern office. Other pieces of apparatus in the department by means of which the students receive training for their work are the "Mimeograph" which has been recently renovated and the new "Ditto," another modern and leading office duplicating machine. Already this department has on its shelves cups significant of successful scholastic competition and it is now preparing for coming competition in which it is confident it will again succeed and bring credit to the town and to the school. Through the kindness of the South Scituate Savings Bank officials certain members of the Senior class have been given the opportunity to manipulate certain machines which a high school of this size can not afford to purchase. We are proud of our Commercial Department and feel confident that our graduates will compare favorably with those of high schools of much larger enrollment. Some of these students desire to take and are preparing for further instructions in this work in schools specializing in commercial training. Others are planing to go directly to positions after graduation.

In general, throughout every course each student is required to study English. We believe that a student should be able to read, understand, write, and express himself clearly in the popular tongue of the land. Here each teacher, laboring under handicaps, endeavors to be an English teacher whether the medium through which he approaches the subject be History, Latin, Mathematics or commercial subjects, each of which presents ample opportunity for training in clear and concise expression of thought. Results in this are slow to realize since the teacher is in actual contact with the pupil but a small portion of the time. Once outside of the classroom many pupils forget the previous minutes of instruction. This, with occasional indifference on the part of parents at home, renders of much less value training which if utilized and practised might prove of considerable

value later. An excellent and practical course in Civics is offered to all and accepted by the majority of the pupils. American History is required of all students. In addition there are many other courses such as those in Languages, Mathematics, Science, and commercial subjects, making a total of twenty-three individual courses which is more than liberal for a school of this size.

A "non-too-observant citizen" through rumor or casual sight might be led to believe that class instruction is too often curtailed for other activities. These activities, to be mentioned, are to the teachers the most difficult and trying to put across. Never is class instruction limited by crowding in other activities unless it is felt that it will be for the ultimate good of most of the pupils.

Thrift. A period each week is devoted to banking. Through the courtesy of the South Scituate Savings Bank students of the school are able to participate in a school savings program. Contrary to the opinion of many a layman this in itself is in no way a source of revenue to the bank. It is merely to stimulate thrift amongst the young people. The details of the work are executed by members of the Commercial Department under the direct supervision of the instructor and are further checked by the bank officials. In connection with this work the students each week are enabled to receive training in office practice, filing, and the use of certain office appliances such as the adding machine and others.

Lunchroom. Though no credit toward graduation is given for work in the lunchroom the various duties are divided amongst the members of the Senior Class. Our simple menu is ready for the inspection of the most critical. The food itself is clean, wholesome, and appetizing, and is served in generous portions at practically cost. The sale of

candy is limited to sweet chocolate, plain and with nuts. Ice cream and some plain cookies are the chief deserts offered.

Health Period. For a limited few who are over ten per cent. underweight we offer an opportunity of about five minutes in the middle of the forenoon to take some small amount of nourishment. This is not with the hope that weight may be gained from the food they, receive, but that the milk or other drink, usually warm, may merely serve to relieve the nervous strain or fatigue resulting from an empty stomach, thereby enabling the regular meals to be better digested and assimilated by the body. A sound mind in a sound body is a fundamental of happiness. No better service can be rendered the youth of America than for us in whose care it is placed to do all possible to establish and train to maintain sound healthy bodies dominated by sound active minds. Our school nurse and school dentist may well be commended here for the general good health prevalent in the school children at present.

Athletics. As yet, basketball is the only form of athletics in which this school has competed with outside schools. Under careful leadership the pupils develop in their understanding of fair play, school spirit, team work, and self development. We all like to win but winning is secondary to fair play and scholastic training. No student may represent this school unless he is doing satisfactory work in at least three full courses of study.

Dramatics. At present we are working on a play and also on an operetta each of which is to be given by the school later in the year. In these, just as in athletics, strict rules of eligibility are enforced. I am looking forward to these two entertainments with anticipation of a high degree of success in each due to the enthusiasm of the casts and the co-operation with the coaches.

Public Speaking. It was hoped that an interscholastic declamation contest might be held. Interscholastic debates were mentioned but apparently insufficient enthusiasm was aroused to warrant success. A start along this line is to be made, however, in the late spring when a prize speaking contest is planned. A contest of this type properly prepared is of inestimable value in training young people to think clearly and to express their thoughts to others.

Publications. It is hoped that several issues of a school paper may be published. This means another activity but still a further opportunity for the student to discover and develop a talent and to prepare himself for valuable service later. The French department has already published *La Petite Guillotine* which was highly successful and which showed considerable successful effort on the part of many. Additional issues are to appear shortly.

Social Functions. Our social functions and other activities have received publicity in the columns of the local papers. The Senior Hallowe'en Dance was well attended and may well be considered a social and financial success. Our Assembly period is always open to visitors as well as any other activity. It is hoped that during the remainder of the year the school may have the opportunity of hearing a few outside speakers. Already we have had several interesting talks from people who have gladly given their services knowing that young people are always eager for information and for new visions of life in this and in other lands.

The Honor Roll has been published at the end of each marking period. Here may be found names of students who have done superior work in at least four full courses. The names are not many though none has been excluded that this honor might be shared by few. We sincerely wish that with each marking period new names might be added and

will do all in our power to help individuals to be worthy of the honor, but they, too, must show effort. At the end of the first two marking periods, the names of the following pupils have been placed on the honor roll for the entire four month period:

Lizzie Damon	Stanley Johnson
Joanmarie Franceschini	Elsie Maxwell
Delia Gaudette	Cynthia Robbins
Elsie Henderson	Jennie White
Helen Wiggin	

On the whole I am exceptionally well pleased with the co-operation of the parents and pupils with the teachers. Though the attendance average of 96.6% to date is enviably high (that of the entire state is but 93%) it is lowered greatly by certain individuals whose parents or guardians do not co-operate to the extent of requiring attendance except in the case of absolutely necessary or honestly advisable absences. If an intelligent parent would but realize the inconvenience caused by one day's absence from school our records would not be blemished by needless absence as has been the case occasionally in the past. There is a surprising correlation between certain phases of school activities which appear at first to be unrelated. That class (Senior) which stands highest in attendance for the first four months also leads in scholastic accomplishments. The class (Freshman) which is second in attendance is also second in scholastic accomplishments. The remaining two classes have the same correlation. In addition there is another remarkable feature; all four classes are rated in exactly the same order in thrift record and in "attitude and conduct" as in their attendance and scholastic marks. All of these little tendencies make up the individual character and habits of the pupil. They are woven into a miraculous network of fibres

each being somewhat dependent upon the other and influenced by it.

I am disappointed that many of our pupils now nearly ready to face the world are extremely careless in certain things which are to be of vital importance to their health and happiness. In many cases, though the fault lies with the pupil himself, this can be traced to the early training received at home. Parents can co-operate if they will but create correct home habits. They can see that the boy leaves in the morning with a reasonable degree of body cleanliness. Because of neglect, habits are easily formed which injure a youngster's personal appearance, social value, and ultimate associations with his companions. Among the girls there is a decided lack of correct posture. It is indeed cause for reflection as one by one the girls are noticed and rarely is one seen to have posture which suggests even that training for that desirable condition has ever been received. The school, in this, as well as in many other branches of non-scholastic activities, stands ready and eager to help and encourage the development and maintenance of those health habits which ultimately lead to personal appearance and posture which the seeing and caring half of the world envies.— But here, too, little can be done without co-operation from the parents.

Much time has been spent this year in the study of each individual pupil that his particular needs might be more adequately met. To amplify this study intelligence tests are to be given later. The results of these will further enable us to diagnose the individual and to determine the particular remedial course to pursue.

To be a successful high school teacher in addition to many other requisites, one must be willing and to a degree be able to enterpret individual types. He or she must under-

stand the proper meaning of education as well as the specific aim of a certain assignment. One must be ready and sympathetic with the adolescent youth to analyze the nature of the growing mind and to understand its individual abilities and limitations. One must be on the alert to inspire by leadership and to stimulate by procedure the desire of the pupil for knowledge, success, and high ideals of thinking and living.

The individual interests and abilities of the teaching staff of Norwell High School are indeed varied. Our four teachers are adequately qualified to lead physical training groups of many branches; three, at least, have had experience with dramatics; at least two are qualified for musical training and leadership, two for public speaking and debating, and all are interested in further professional betterment through outside study. Three of the four are taking courses each week at Harvard University Graduate School of Education. I sincerely doubt if a school can be found in which there is a better spirit of co-operation among teachers, between teacher and pupil, or between committee, superintendent, principal, and teachers. It can be honestly said of the teachers of the Norwell High School, "Their teaching day is never ended so long as will remain one student who is desirous of help." The three specialty teachers, namely those of Music, Drawing, and Physical Training, have, on the whole, shown a fine spirit of adaptability which I believe is the chief means of measuring the varying degree of their success.

Last fall all teachers attended a Teachers' Convention in Brockton. This doubtless proved of great value to the teachers of this town. Each month the teachers of Hanover, Hanson, and Norwell have met and each meeting has been of definite importance and value. These meetings have aided greatly in the understanding of the problems peculiar

to our particular location. In the near future there is to be a meeting of all the principals of the state and a little later a National Principals' Convention at Boston. Each of these meetings will be attended with expectations of receiving ideas and information which will be useful in my functioning as Principal. These various meetings and conventions tend to stimulate new ideas, broaden our contacts, and greatly increase our efficiency.

My work in Norwell I find very enjoyable. I am sure this would not be so if I did not have a fine wholesome student group with which to work. I have tried this year to avoid as much as possible any visible show of authority. I have tried to have that government which springs from individuals themselves, namely, self-control. Gradually we are finding ourselves with customs rather than rules, order rather than chaos, and human beings rather than puppets.

I wish to express my personal appreciation of the support and co-operation of the committee, of the superintendent, and of the teachers with whom I have been associated. Without this co-operation little could have been accomplished, but instead I feel as though thus far we have been successful. We are looking forward to months of further success with increasing responsibilities bringing increased opportunities for service.

W. B. GIFFORD

School Dentist

Mr. Leon M. Farrin,
Superintendent of Schools,
Norwell, Mass.

Dear Sir :

I herewith submit the following report of work completed from opening of schools, Sept. 1927, to Jan. 15, 1928.

Children were examined up to the High School and cards sent to the parents to sign designating whether or not they wish the work done in the clinic.

Silver fillings	122
Cement and silver	27
Cement fillings	13
Teeth treated	35
Root fillings	1
Cleansings	23
Porcelain fillings	8
Teeth extractions	68
Visits	142

Respectfully submitted

WILLIS B. PARSONS, D. M. D.

School Nurse

January 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927

Number of visits to schools	339
Includes visits made with School Physician.	
Includes visits made with School Dentist.	
Number of children examined.	301
Number of inspections (sanitary)	70
Number of inspections (teeth, hair, skin, throat) ..	60
Number of children excluded during year	9
Number excluded on account of Impetigo	5
Number excluded on account of Scabies	1
Number excluded on account of Scarlet Fever	1
Number excluded on account of Chicken Pox	2
Number of visits to dental clinic	87
Number of children carried to dental clinic	64
Number of children carried to Physician	1
Number of children carried home ill	31
Number of visits to homes of school children	240
Number of children with physical defects	36
Number of children having defects corrected	19

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

Number of children entering school	30
Number of children examined at clinic	25
Total number of defects	44

Number of defects corrected (fully)	13
Number of defects corrected (partially)	8

I wish to thank parents, teachers, and children for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE A. ROE.

Supervisor of Drawing

The outline of instruction in drawing for the schools of Norwell is arranged under three distinct headings: Representation; Design and Construction.

Representation includes the study of facts and appearances of form and shape. The objectives toward which we work are as follows:

1. To develop the habit of using drawing as a language.
2. To develop the visual memory and creative imagination thru the use of drawing.
3. To develop the power of discriminating observation.

Design includes the study of the laws of order in Nature and their application to Art.

The main objectives of this phase of the subject are:

- (1) To help the child to recognize, understand and enjoy order as the basis of beauty in Nature and Art: (2) To give him power to create orderly and possibly beautiful designs in color, line, shape and form: (3) Increasing discrimination in the selection and arrangement of Art products.

Construction includes the technical execution of the child's ideas. Instruction in this subject helps the child to develop the habit of inventive and creative expression in materials and increase his technical skill in the use of tools and materials.

My time allowed is one day a week which I have divided into seven periods. This allows thirty-five minutes for instruction in each grade and a half hour for the High School class. This period of time is quite adequate for the grades since the instruction is carried on during the week by the grade teacher.

For the High School class, one half hour period a week is not sufficient time in which to obtain the best results from each pupil and unless more time is devoted to the subject during the week, much cannot be accomplished.

I have followed this plan closely in my work in the grades and I am very much pleased with the results obtained. I believe that by the end of the school year they will have a foundation upon which future courses can be successfully built.

During the past few months that I have been working with the teachers and pupils in the schools of Norwell I have received a great deal of pleasure. Both have shown intense interest in the problems that I have assigned.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation to the teachers and members of the School Board for their hearty cooperation with me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE DRISKO,

Supervisor of Drawing

Supervisor of Music

Hanover Center, Mass., Jan. 13, 1928

Mr. Leon Farrin, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—

I found the schools of Norwell in a splendid working conditions, owing to the fact that the teachers are particularly interested in the subject of music. Pupils in each room have made a splendid start in a system which is entirely new to them. Enthusiasm is contagious and the children soon catch that interest and the desire for advancement and co-operation which I gratefully receive from the teachers and school officials. Parents too, should always encourage and appreciate the efforts of their children, for, after all, few are born singers but any child of average intelligence and willingness to work can enjoy singing with others and learn to appreciate the better music.

As to credits in music in the grades every child is given fifty points in technical work, twenty-five for good voice production and twenty-five for effort so it is possible for every student to receive seventy-five points even though he may be unmusical.

In the first two grades most of the work is individual that each one may receive a solid foundation. As much individual work as possible is being carried on in the upper grades.

Great interest is being shown in the operetta, "The Ghost of Lollipop Bay," written by one of our best American composers, Charles Cadman, which will be presented by the students of the High School sometime in the spring with Mrs. Turner as assistant director.

Respectfully submitted,

PANSY B. STETSON

Supervisor of Music

TEACHING STAFF STATISTICS

TEACHERS	GRADES OR SUBJECTS	HOME ADDRESS	PREPARED AT	Years Experience	SALARY
High School Willis B. Gifford, Prin. Irving C. Keene Myrtle Graves Lois C. Turner	Math., Science English, History Latin, French Commercial	West Tisbury No. Weymouth Norwell Norwell	Rhode Island State Col- Middlebury College Radcliffe Bridgewater Normal	3 0 2 8	\$2300 1500 1500 1500
Grammar Florence B. Pinson Sarah V. Hatch Joseph L. Hatch	VIII VII, VI V, IV	Norwell Rockland Rockland	Salem Normal Middlebury College Lesley Normal	18 15 0	1150 1200 1000
Center Primary Ella F. Osborn Marion G. Merritt	IV, III II, I	Norwell Norwell	Norwell High School Bridgewater Normal	15 38	1150 1150
Ridge Hill Minnie F. Jones Alice L. Blossom	III, II, I Assistant	Norwell Norwell	Norwell High School Norwell High School	10 0	1150 400
Music Pansy E. Stetson		Hanover Center	New Eng. Conservatory	12	400
Draw ng Christine J. Drisko		Lubec, Maine	Mass. School of Art	2	200

TEACHING STAFF STATISTICS (Continued)

Physical Training Elizabeth Morris	Rockland	Posse-Nissen School	0	Expenses
Superintendent Leon M. Farrin	Wollaston	Harvard University	12	1283

Financial Statement

SUPERINTENDENT

Salary	\$ 1 183 00
Expenses	335 84
	<hr/> \$ 1 518 84

TEACHERS SALARIES

Edwin Phillips, Prin. High	\$ 1 350 00
Willis B. Gifford, Prin. High ...	920 00
Hollis Clow, Instructor, High ...	960 00
Irving Keene, Instructor High ...	600 00
Lois C. Turner, Instructor High ..	1 477 00
Myrtle Graves, Instructor High ..	1 470 00
Dorothy Kanrich, Instructor High	720 00
Florence B. Pinson, Grammar ...	1 150 00
Sarah Hatch, Grammar	1 200 00
Florence Mortimer, Grammar ...	660 00
Josephine Hatch, Grammar	406 00
Minnie F. Jones, Primary	1 150 00
Marion G. Merritt, Primary	1 150 00
Ella F. Osborn, Primary	1144 75
Alice Blossom, Assistant	50 00
S. Lewis	9 00
Grace Cole, Sub	80 00
Mrs. Daniel Simmons, Sub	10 00
Helen Wiggins	60 00
Jennie White, Sub	2 50
Mrs. Rector Stetson, Music	160 00
Christine Drisko, Drawing	70 00
Elizabeth Morris, Physical training	13 08
	<hr/> \$14 812 33

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

University Publishing Co.	\$ 11 52
Houghton Mifflin	22 22
Palmer Co.	60
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	297 26
Ginn & Co.	155 75
D. C. Heath	1 23
Allyn & Bacon	57 10
Gregg Publishing Co.	13 68
World Book Co.	4 91
Harcourt & Brace	3 34
Iroquois Publishing Co.	12 18
Mass High School Assoc.	2 00
Brentanos	89
Nichols & Eldredge	13 75
American Book Co.	67 48
Macmillan Co.	9 31
Doubleday Page	2 50
Literary Digest	1 20
Oliver Ditson	10 29
J. L. Hammett Co.	266 67
Myrtle Graves	14 18
Rand & McNally	2 70
University of Chicago	2 50
Office Appliance Co.	22 95
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	98 58
Milton Bradley	15 23
Dion Hafford	88
Wright & Ditson	8 98
J. C. Winston	2 32
Dowling School Supply	70 24
J. C. Sanborn	40 70
Arlo Pub. Co.	3 75
A. I. Randall	3 00
Joseph Egan	4 00

A. S. Peterson	2 00
Reed Hardware Co.	26 12
Southwestern Pub. Co.	13 80
Silver Burdett	22 07
Nystronis	6 89
Dennison Mfg. Co.	3 63
Ward's	17 50
A. B. Dick	12 46
Carrie M. Ford	39 15
C. C. Birchard	26 08
J. B. Lippincott	9 90
	<hr/> \$ 1 422 33

JANITOR SERVICE

M. A. Bruce, Dist. No. 5,	\$241 40
G. A. Goodenough Dist. No. 1,	24 00
Richard Whiting, Dist. No. 1	108 50
Geo. H. Turner, Central School	1 541 35
	<hr/> \$ 1 915 25

FUEL AND FITTING

Lyman Lincoln, Wood	\$ 38 00
George Dobson, Wood	23 00
Benjamin Loring, Wood	52 00
Basil Simmons, Coal and Wood	735 16
John Leslie Fitting Wood	7 00
	<hr/> \$ 855 16

TRANSPORTATION

C. O. Litchfield,	\$ 1 243 00
J. H. Sparrell	2 961 00
M. F. Williamson	1 215 50
	<hr/> \$ 5 419 50

REPAIRS, INCIDENTALS, UPKEEP AND
EXPENSE OF OPERATION

C. B. Dodge, Supplies	\$ 44 00
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Phillips Bates, Supplies	45 62
H. B. Vesper, Supplies	1 75
Fuller Brush Co., Supplies	6 85
Chemical Rubber Co., Supplies	2 55
Houghton & Dutton Co., Supplies ..	96 54
Edw. E. Babb Co.,	23 28
C. S. West & Son, Supplies	5 32
Rome Bros., Supplies	254 07
Fred Delay, Supplies	19 58
Scot Forsman, Supplies	60
C. L. Rice, Supplies	2 10
L. Grossman & Sons, Supplies	40 00
Geo. Lawley, Supplies	25 00
Pill Bros., Supplies	63 52
Pinson Lumber Co., Supplies	25 20
Ernest H. Sparrell, Supplies	40 54
Wright & Ditson, Supplies	17 72
Underwood Typewriter Co., Supplies	33 50
Kenney Bros., & Wolkins, Supplies .	510 25
W. H. Spencer, Supplies	2 55
Carrie M. Wood, Supplies	27 50
Geo. F. Welch Co., Supplies	17 40
Chas. Jaegar Co., Supplies	96
Hall & Torrey, Supplies	71 98
Witherell Electric Co., Services ...	61 73
Dr. Wm. P. Grovestein, Services ..	5 00
John T. Osborn, Supplies	6 00
R. W. MacDonald, Labor	2 50
Howard Delano, Labor	6 00
W. W. Wade, Labor	8 00
Archie Merritt, Labor	10 00
George Beach, Supplies	12 08
C. W. Tilden, Labor	6 25
Young Electric Co., Labor	15 57
N. Molla, Labor	6 00
Perry Osborn, Labor	129 50

Mary A. Powers, Labor	3 00
W. C. Soule, Labor	126 94
Arthur Turner, Labor	3 50
Walter Wagner, Labor	3 00
Electric Light Co., Labor	223 93
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., Labor	95 88
H. E. Robbins, Labor	9 00
Arnold Beach, Labor	244 48
Corn Public Safety, Labor	5 00
B. & P. Trans. Co., Labor	50
Antoiness Express,	3 00
Chandler's Auto Express,	2 00
Edwin Phillips, Cash paid	12 50
Geo. H. Turner, Cash Paid	14 00
Treas. Senior Class, Cash Paid	4 30
J. H. Sparrell, Cash paid, freight....	70 57
Carting Tel. etc.	
Benjamin Loring, Expenses and labor	104 99
Nellie L. Sparrell, expenses and labor	29 46
Grace Dinsmoor, expenses and labor	22 34
	—————\$ 2 625 40

SUMMARY

EXPENDITURES

Superintendent	\$ 1 518 84
Teachers Salaries	14 812 33
Text Books and Supplies	1 422 33
Janitor Service	1 915 25
Fuel & Fitting	855 16
Transportation	5 419 50
General expenses	2 625 40
	—————\$28 568 81

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	\$27 820 00	
Unexpended balance	549 15	
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Exceeded		\$ 199 66



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